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Delegates to 12th World's Christian Endeavor Convention stand to greet President of the United States at session July 25. Those shown on platform are (left to right) Carolyn Bryan, Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Rev. Andrew Wright, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, George Beverly Shea, Rev. Solomon Doraisawmy, Fague K. Springman, Julian Moran, and Cliff Barrows.

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Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary

First Address By A President

President Eisenhower greatly honored Christian Endeavor by addressing the World's Convention in Washington, D. C., July 25. This was the first time a World's Convention has been honored with the presence of a President of the United States. It was unusual to also have the Vice-President, Honorable Richard M. Nixon, a former Christian Endeavorer. Greetings were sent to the convention by President Syngman Rhee of Korea.

Decisions Were Made

A thirteen-year-old youth was the first to respond to the call given by Dr. Daniel A. Poling for Life-Work Recruits at the closing service of the World's Convention in Washington, D. C. The name of the youth — Clark Vandersall Poling, Jr. Dr. Poling and the vast audience were deeply moved at the decision of Dr. Poling's grandson, the son of Rev. Clark Vandersall Poling who was one of the four chaplains who heroically gave their lives with the sinking of the S.S. Dorchester. Twenty-nine others made decisions to prepare for full-time Christian service. Besides these personal decisions and those of hundreds of others who wree inspired to be of greater service a number of important official actions were taken. One included the beginning of a fund for new extension of Christian Endeavor around the world.

Memorial Service for Helen Lyon Jones

Hundreds of delegates to the World's Christian Endeavor Convention attended the memorial honoring the life and service of Helen Lyon Jones (Mrs. Joseph Holton Jones) at the Washington Cathedral, Monday, July 26, at 3:30 P.M. Canon G. Gardiner Monks officiated. Mrs. Jones, who died March 24, was a vice-president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and representative of World's Christian Endeavor Union on Overseas Missions. In 1951 she was given International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation.

For Your Information

Maxine Bond, vice-president of International Society in charge of Central Region, is in Ireland attending conference of the Society of Friends — *Dr. Raymond M. Veh,* writer of Intermediate topics in *The Christian Endeavor World* and Editor of *Builders,* received third place award in a national contest sponsored by L. C. Myers Company. The award was given for his article, "How can an individual citizen contribute to world peace," which appeared in the May 29 issue of *Builders* — *Viroqua Nodolf,* chairman of the Junior Work Committee of International Society, was honored by Macalester College, Minneapolis, Minnesota, when she was given an alumni useful citizen award — *Rev. Paul Doedens,* former president of Milwaukee (Wis.) Union, was ordained to the ministry and installed as pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church, Milwaukee, May 12.

Gene Stone

t Bryan Reports | The President Speaks | Beverly Shea Sings | Cliff Barrows Leads | Rev. A. Wright F

President Urges Endeavorers To Engage In Moral Crusade

President Dwight D. Eisenhower told 2,000 delegates) the 12th World's Christian Endeavor Convention at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., July 25, that only a reat moral crusade can bring world prosperity and peace.

"All the weapons of war, can produce no real or lasting eace," the President declared. He stated that peace could be ccomplished only by a great moral crusade "determined iat men shall rise above materialism and live as a people ttempting to express their conception of what the Almighty ould have us do."

The President's message highlighted the second day's ession of the convention.

Billy Graham Unable To Attend

Billy Graham was unable to speak at the session on unday afternoon, July 25, because of illness. Members of is team were present. Cliff Barrows led in singing and ave a message. George Beverly Shea sang with Ted Smith t the piano.

Another of the outstanding sessions was the one of Vednesday morning when Honorable Richard M. Nixon, 'ice-President of the United States, spoke.

A capacity crowd heard the pre-convention concert of ie Hawaiian Choir Friday evening, July 23. Hundreds of elegates attended the reception in the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church Saturday afternoon.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Union, fficially opened the sessions Saturday at 7:30 P. M. The ivocation was given by Dr. Bernard Braskamp, chaplain f the House of Representatives, and a former Endeavorer vho was a delegate to the World's Convention in London n 1926. Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, general secretary of Area 1, nd Rev. Andrew Wright, general secretary of Area 2, ddressed the delegates Saturday night.

A communion service was conducted Sunday morning n the Metropolitan Methodist Church.

Address of President Eisenhower

The message of President Eisenhower is as follows:

"It is indeed a very great honor to be invited to come ere to extend to you on behalf of this government a greeting to the Capital of the United States. Those of you who come from our own country and those who come from abroad are met here in a fellowship from which we naturally expect much and because of which we extend to you a greeting that is more than usually sincere. While I am talking about this matter of just meeting you I should like to ask each of you a favor. You will return soon to your homes and I should like for you, whether you live abroad or in America, to take to all your associates personal good wishes, a personal expression of hope from me and from this government that all of your labors, all of your meetings, all of your endeavors will lead toward, ever toward that closer bond of brotherhood and friendship without which this poor old world is indeed in trouble and which I believe that the young people of this world can do so much to promote.

"Now, when we talk about such high moral efforts in this world today we sometimes encounter in the diplomatic field the statement that if the international relationship does not acknowledge moral standards that it is based upon expedient or upon practical solutions to practical problems of the moment and mayhap that this is sometimes true in the temporary sense, but it cannot possibly be true in the permanent sense if we are to win that security, that peace for which all mankind so desperately longs. We must remember the spiritual base that underlies man's existence and the spiritual base that underlies all free government, else we shall surely fail. That there is a spiritual base to all free types of government is not difficult to demonstrate, of course. Free government makes as its cornerstone the concept or the idea that men are equal. They are equal before the law. They have equal rights and equal opportunities in the government maintained to protect them. Now we know that men and women are not equal among themselves physically, they are not equal among themselves mentally. Consequently, they must be equal if free government has any validity, they must be equal in some way that has nothing to do with the physical, intellectual make-up of man and this can be only his spiritual side.

"If we do not promote, therefore, if we do not believe in the spiritual character of man, we would be foolish indeed to be supporting the concept of free government in the world, free government as opposed to dictatorship, but as long as we do recognize those spiritual values in man and his spiritual side, and recognize the dependency of free

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One World Through Christ

THEY HEARD THE PRESIDENT—A portion of the crowd of 2,000 people are pictured in the ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., for the service Sunday afternoon, July 25, when Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower spoke. Only delegates were admitted to the session when the ballroom and two other large halls were packed to overflowing.

DELEGATES FROM KOREA—Dr. Daniel A. Poling (second from left) and Dr. Ernest R. Bryan greet Christian Endeavorers. Dr. Jun Sok Cho (left) is from Pusan. He is a medical doctor and is now taking graduate work in Massachusetts. Young Chang Chun (second from right) is from Seoul. He has spent four years doing relief work with Korean refugees.

(Continued from page 3, col. 2)

government upon these spiritual values, then everything that we are trying to do makes sense. Then the words, the dignity of man, assume real meaning and we may work for them with our whole hearts, we may work for true brotherhood among men without any qualification whatsoever except doing everything honorable to achieve success.

"In the great conflict that is going on in the world today one side upholds the freedom and dignity of man and therefore recognizes his spiritual character. The other lives by something it calls materialistic ideas, meaning only that it denies all the kinds of values that you young people support. It says there are no values in life except the material ones, what you can see or express in a material or intellectual way and this, of course, we know to be false. So not only do you people get the satisfaction that comes to every human in this world as he labors for the benefit of his brothers and his sisters, you know that in laboring to promote an understanding of these spiritual values, to raise them ever higher in our calculations of everything we do that you are working for a permanent, lasting, durable peace among all the men of the world who so desperately thirst for it and I should like, of course, to give you this one conviction of my own — that all men, all masses do truly long for peace. They want you to win the struggle you are waging. It is only governments that are stupid, not the masses. Governments may seek for power, for the right to dominate, to extend their authority over others. Free people do not seek that. So your task is to help every man realize that he himself because he has been born in this world is valuable. He is meaningful. He is important to you because as you defend his rights you are defending your own and then we must make them understand that people who believe that way must unite among themselves if they are to meet successfully the opposition which is united by force, by the threat of the MVD, by the threat of the police, the threat that comes about when child is asked to inform upon his parents, when there is no sanctity left in family life or in community life, in anything indeed except slavish devotion to the state.

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Pictures of the World's Convention in this issue were taken by Howard W. Rick of Rockville, Maryland, official photographer.

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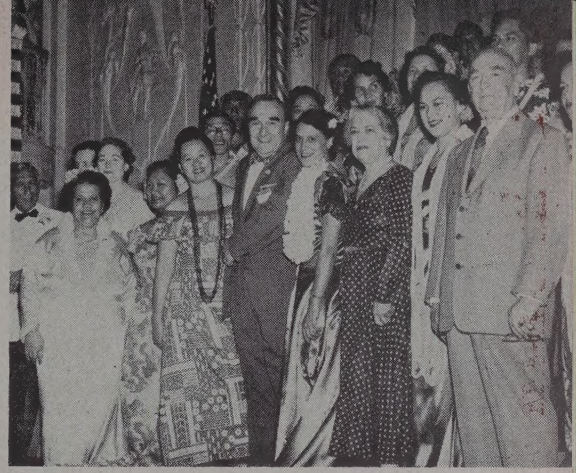
DELEGATES SIGN-IN—Wanna Sell of Huntington, Ind., who held registration receipt No. 1 is welcomed. Next to her is Mrs. L. R. Keperling of Bausman, Pennsylvania, with registration No. 1,000. A total of 1,300 registered full-time with an additional 700 part-time. Seated at registration table are (left to right) Mrs. Merrill L. Smith, Mrs. Robert Crammer, and Anna Bischoff. Standing (left to right) are Merritt L. Smith, local chairman; Olinda Dormaier, registrar; Mrs. Alden Imus, and Audrey Bates.

CONVENTION STARTS WITH RECEPTION—A big welcome was given at the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church where Rev. Jerry A. Moore, Jr., a vice-president of the International Sociey, is pastor. Mrs. Hiram Wildy (right), chairman of the reception committee, is shown giving refreshment to Phyllis G. Brown, of Richmond, Virginia, who was elected a vice-president of the International Society at its annual meeting July 24. Others pictured are (left to right) Rev. Solomon Doraisawmy of India, Rev. Jerry A. Moore, Jr., and Merritt L. Smith, local convention chairman.

HOIR GIVES CONCERT—The 30 voice Christian Endeavor Choir of the Kawaiahao Church of Honolulu, awaii, presented a program of sacred music the night fore the opening of the convention. David Kalama is own directing the group which won the hearts of all the legates with their singing throughout the meetings.



GOVERNOR PRAISES SINGERS—Honorable Samuel King, chief executive of the Hawaiian Islands, congratulates the choir attired in native costumes after they rendered a number of songs of old Hawaii. Mrs. King greets the Endeavorers along with Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's C. E. Union.

"Most of you are still young. You ve your whole life to live. You have, other words, a sixty or seventy year vestment in this old earth. People age if they are lucky have ten or teen years still invested in it. This rth is far more important to you posly than it is to us elders. I say to u this as possibly the only worthwhile rd I can bring you. If you remain er true to the principles lying behind e organization to which you belong, if u believe in them with all your heart, you live them and if you get countless ners to join with you in supporting ose values, then indeed your lives will fruitful and happy ones and all those at come after you will be the beneiaries of your great work because, my ends, today we must remain strong, must remain strong in all the ecomic and the scientific affairs of the rld. We must remain strong mili:ily through protection of our firesides d our rights to prevent domination by ose who would seek to enthrall us.

"Yet bullets and guns and planes and ships — all the weapons of war, can produce no real or lasting peace, only a great moral crusade determined that men shall rise above this conception of materialism, rise above it and live as people who attempting to express in some faint and feeble way their conceptions of what the Almighty would have us do, that is the force that will win through to victory and the world will have prosperity and peace, prosperity beyond all the imaginings of the past and science will be developed and devoted to the happiness, the welfare of man and not his destruction and all of us can live together peacefully and happily.

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A more complete account of the 12th World's Christian Endeavor Convention with more pictures will be given in the next issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

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"To each of you wherever you go I say good luck. May God bless you."

Dr. Poling Re-elected

The Executive Council of the World's Union again chose Dr. Daniel A. Poling as president. Dr. Poling has been the leader of the World Christian Endeavor Movement. since the death of the Founder, Dr. Francis E. Clark, in 1927.

Dr. Ernest R. Bryan and Rev. Andrew Wright were again selected to be the general secretaries of the union. Dr. Bryan will b in charge of Area 1 and Rev. Mr. Wright, Area 2.

Vice-presidents were elected as follows:

Dr. James Kelly, Scotland; George Nelson, Australia; Rev. E. Tychicus, India; K. Hata, Japan, and Rev. Arno Pagel, Germany.

Harold E. Westerhoff, United States, and Arthur Sheldon, Britain, were chosen to serve again as treasurers.

Dr. Harry N. Holmes and Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan were made honorary field secretaries of the World's Union.

:ADERS WELCOMED—Rev. Andrew Wright, (left) ndon, England, general secretary of Area 2 of World's nion, gives glad hand to several delegates from his area. ey are (left to right after Mr. Wright) Rev. and Mrs. race Cuthbert of Jamaica; Rev. and Mrs. J. Seunarine Trinidad, and Rev. Luther Gibbs of Jamaica.

MEET AT CHOIR RECEPTION—Leaders say "hello" at gathering honoring Hawaiian singers. They are (left to right): Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, president of Canadian Union; Rev. J. M. Fujita, Japan; Rev. Solomon Doraisawmy, India; Mrs. David Kalama, president of choir; David Kalama, director of choir, and Bessie Lee Athey, Washington, D. C., chairman of concert committee.

"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked . . ."

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, World's Christian Endeavor President, is shown at upper left conducting an Easter Sunrise Service at the tomb in Jerusalem, where it is believed Christ was buried. This service was at 4:30 A.M. which accounts for the darkness of the photograph. Members of the Christian Herald Tour Party, conducted by Carroll M. Wright, attended. Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, with another tour group to the Holy Lands, conducted a servi at this tomb at a later hour on Easter Day. Pictures and r cordings were made of the service which are expected to b shown on a television network during Holy Week in 195 In the picture at the upper right Dr. Meadows is climbi Mt. Zion on the Israel side of Jerusalem with a little Jew ish boy Easter afternoon.

Via The Eye And Ear

Tools For Effective Teaching

by Amy Deck Faust

There is another proverb which states that " to begin a journey one must take a step." It is true that nothing can be done without venturing out. Most people are convinced as to the effectiveness of audio-visuals, but too often lack of time, money, or ability stands in the way.

It would be too bad if we with so much, allowed a few excuses to stand in the way of better teaching. Modern science has brought even the most difficult of materials into an orderly use. Expensive equipment is not generally needed today for effective teaching. Almost any group may borrow, rent, or buy sufficient equipment to make broadcasting and projection possible.

Use of Objects

Often the more difficult tools of audio-visual instruction are never reached because of the unwillingness of leaders to take a first step. The first step is often the effective use of simple aids, such as pictures, maps, and objects. Once the use of a flannelgraph, blackboard, chart, or poster is mastered, other phases of teaching aids are nearer grasp.

Surveys have shown that many churches, in their first steps at audio-visual teaching, begin immediately with the purchase of a motion picture projector. This is an expensive item, compared to some other aids, and may mean the loss of the use of all other tools. Then, because some training and skill is required, the projectionists may not be found and the whole plan is abandoned. Many a good projector is abandoned because of lack of care, proper use, or the aid of skilled projectionists.

There is no reason to discourage the use of a projector 16 mm; or even 8 mm; but likely a motion picture projector is not the the greatest need. Films, even though numerous and available, are usually more costly than slides and filmstrips. Then too, films are so often associated with entertainment that the fine educational uses are abused. In many cases it is wiser to spend the audio-visual budget for simple, or more useful equipment. Motion picture projectors generally cannot be used in the same room where others are working. Usually darkness, or semi-darkness is essential. The cost of films may make it wise to rent or buy materials for the use of only lar groups, when the best teaching is often do in small groups.

Educators generally advise that the fir items in the audio-visual budget should for screen, darkening and ventilating equi ment, sound-recorder, or playback (tap or record) and a filmstrip-slide projector

Not all of this material need be pu chased at once. This may be a step by st process.

Tape Recorders

After the audio-visual committee is work and the tools of education are in t hands of the leaders other ways of usi the tools will be found. The tape recorde will be used for dramas, sound track, an study of audio work. Children may lea to use the three elements of radio wi accompanying pictures. Radio uses b three elements; speech, sound, and mus Even small children may learn to mal hand manipulated sound. Manual sou may be supplemented with recorded sou and music, but its value in the teachi process is evident.

After the previously named tools a being used there is time to secure and lea to use a projector. The projector may sound or silent. Generally a sound machi is best, because any film may be shown it, while a silent projector limits the choi of films to those without a sound track. a sound projector is chosen, and it like will be the best buy, the type will depe upon judgement in buying. However, t possibility of using a sound projector f magnetic tape recording should be co sidered. The cost is higher, but here aga is another choice. Not only will such pr jector play optical sound but there is alwa the possibility of making and using ma netic sound tracks. This has real wort especially to youth groups.

Yes, in order to make a journey, tal the first step. The proverb is worth remem bering as this audio-visual field is co sidered. Happy traveling.

New State Leaders

Rev. Allen Bowman

Herman Brackbill

Rev. Mr. Bowman, professor at Friends' University, Wichita, recently became president of the Kansas Christian Endeavor Union, succeeding Maxine Bond.

Mr. Brackbill of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, is the new head of the Keystone State Union. James Thompson was the former president.

orward With Christ - Through World Friendship . . .

v. J. S. Mather Grateful r Friendship Tour

ormer President of Ceylon C. E. Union, o visited United States in 1952, expresses nks for work of Rev. and Mrs. Penn ward.)

Kandy, Ceylon, April 2, 1954
Primrose Gardens

: The Readers of Christian deavor World

Dear C.E. Friends:

From the time I returned to Ceylon, from Round-the-World tour, I have wished y much to write to you all, but I was t able to do so till today, because since urning here the pressure of work has en great. The numerous contacts I made every country I visited, especially in S.A., are always in my mind, and for them hank God.

Rev. Penn Howard and his wife, Mabel, Alexandria, Virginia who followed me Ceylon, arrived here in July last year. ey were associated with me in the Mas- 's service, during the past ten months, d they have done much to promote orld Friendship. They leave Ceyon in a v days, and will continue their Round- -World Crusade as ambassadors of orld Friendship, going from here to Ja- n, via Singapore and Manila, and then on Honolulu. I wish to take this opportu- y to say that their devotion, zeal, and f-sacrifice were a great inspiration and ssing to large numbers of people both in ylon, and in India. It was at the Chris- n Endeavor Conference in Honolulu, id in July, 1952 that I first met Mabel ward, and later I met her husband in ir own home in Alexandria. I had the vilege and joy of enjoying their hospi- ity for one whole week. In them I saw their own country as well as here in the st how the spirit of Jesus Christ helped ople to transcend all barriers of color d nationality. By their work and witness the East they have knit together the East d the West and I for one deeply believe t world peace depends on such ambassa- rs of world friendship, more than any ier agency. I earnestly wish and pray t many more "angels of peace" will visit r countries in the East in the coming nths, and be bridgebuilders, as they re. There is another factor that made ir witness in this country so very effec- e and challenging. In this country, often work of "paid workers" is only par- lly effective, because Hindus and Bud- ists have the idea that we preach the Gos- because we are paid for doing so. How- r wrong the idea may be, there it is. But work of such missionaries as the How- ls has a great appeal in India and Ceylon, ause their services were entirely free. ey paid their own passage from U.S.A. Ceylon, and spent their own money for ir maintenance here.

Soon the Howards will leave for Japan, d I would take this opportunity both to nk them publicly for the inspiration and lp they gave to our work, and to appeal other friends to come to our country n for a short term, and to help us to ite the East and the West, with the mes-

DR. POLING IN CYPRUS

The President of the World's Christian Endeavor Union visits the society at the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Larnaca, Cyprus. Seated (left to right) are Mrs. F. M. Hutcheson, Mrs. E. C. Copeland, Mrs. Poling, Dr. Poling holding Carolyn Copeland, Rev. E. C. Copeland, and Mr. J. Kassouni.

sage of the Christian Gospel which alone will bring World Peace, and transform humanity into one joint family with God as its common Father and King.

I must now stop. May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit rest upon us and all we do; and may He always give us His light to guide us, and His love to unite us.

With every good wish to you,

Yours in His Name

JAMES S. MATHER

CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP

A story of Christian action is told in the clipping pictured at right from THE KANAGAWA SHINBUN, a Yokohama, Japan, newspaper. The photo is that of Yoshimichi Ebisawa, son of the C. E. Secretary of Japan. Also shown is a letter from Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary of International Society. Mr. Ebisawa writes that the news reported here causes a "sensation" in Yokohama. The letter from Dr. Stone contained a membership in International Society of Christian Endeavor for Mr. Ebisawa from James M. Lurwick of Latham, New York, in memorial for Donald Lurwick, his brother, who was killed in action in the invasion of Guam by the Japanese Army.

日本で初の名誉会員

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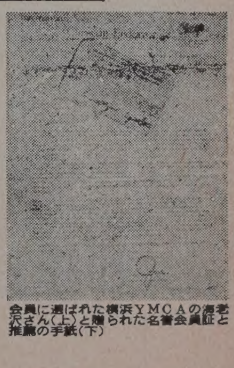

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— *An Editorial* —

DR. PRICE, FORMER HEAD OF CHINA UNION, DIES

The announcement of the death of Dr. P. Frank Price recently at the age of 89, is the closing chapter but an opening book of a triumphant Christian life.

For more than fifty years Dr. Price served as a missionary in China. He came home to be elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (Southern). He was professor of theology at Nanking Seminary, Nanking, China, for twenty-three years. It was during this period that he narrowly escaped death at the hands of the Communists. His escape then bordered on the miraculous—he refused to kneel to be beheaded. Later he was rescued by Chinese friends. As the author of books on China and as co-Chairman of the Nanking International Relief Association, Dr. Price rendered outstanding service to the Chinese people. The works of a great and good man follow him, and also the ministry of this great and good man is continued by four distinguished sons.

In his Christian Endeavor relationships, Frank Price was the outstanding leader of our movement in the Far East. During his most fruitful years on the mission field as President of the Chinese Christian Endeavor Union, he traveled and wrote for a quarter of a century and gave spiritual guidance to Chinese youth. We have not known, in any land, a wiser and a more trusted counsellor and friend. Later in his Christian Endeavor leadership, he was following by his son, Frank W. Price, who was Moderator in 1953-54 of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, which sent him to China.

DANIEL A. POLING
President,
World's Christian Endeavor Union

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... Conventions and Conference

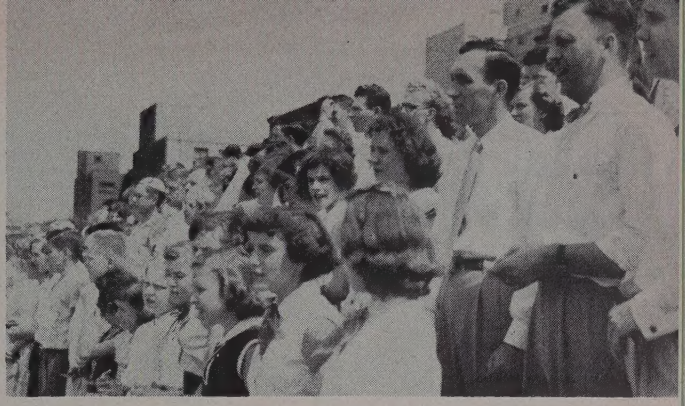
INSPIRATION ON ROUND TOP (upper left)—More than 325 Massachusetts Endeavorers take part in vesper service at Northfield. The burial place of Dwight L. Moody is some fifty feet from this spot.

DIRECT ACTIVITIES (upper right)—Some of the leaders at Northfield Conference are: Seated (left to right) Norman H. Purdy, field secretary; Harriet C. Burnie, Rev. Archibald L. MacMillan, dean; Evelyn Reed, and Bruce Barmby. Standing (left to right) Rev. H. Boyer Wild, Lewis Oxford, Russell L. Talcott, and Kenneth A. MacRae.

ON FIRE FOR CHRIST (to left, upper)—Franklin County Union presents theme with a fire engine and gives invitation to International Convention in Columbus, July 11-16, 1955 in parade of Ohio convention in New Philadelphia. Robert S. Hildreth, associate chairman for Columbus convention, is seated on truck.

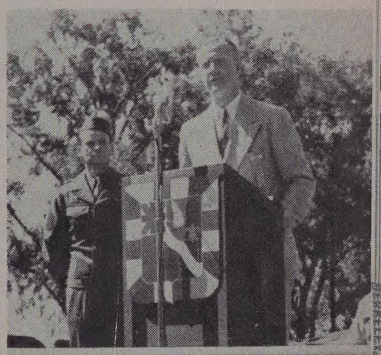
SUNFLOWER STATE "SPARKLERS" (to left, center)—Leaders of Kansas Union at convention in Wichita are: First row (left to right)—Janet Peters, Pat Rowland, Gay Fritsche, and Maxine Bond. Second row (left to right)—Rev. Charles E. Hadley, Rev. Robert Blaine, J. B. Shelton, and Rev. William Rathbun.

WISCONSIN WORKERS (to left, bottom)—A few of delegates are shown at convention of the Badge State Union in Sheybogan.



...park Youth to Greater Living

HOOSIER HUSTLERS (upper left)—Leaders at banner convention of Indiana at Indianapolis are (left to right): Julian Moran, vice-president of International Society; Rev. Wallace Hastings, pastoral counselor; Mrs. Boyd Misner, convention chairman; Travis Ewing, president; Phyllis Whitten, vice-president; Rev. Bob Ross, field secretary, and Rev. Warren Mathis, host pastor and local chairman.



TAKE STAND FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP (upper right)—Indiana delegates sing on steps of War Memorial in Indianapolis following a citizenship rally in the auditorium. Rev. Bob Ross is shown at extreme right.

WE REMEMBER (to right, upper)—Russell S. Gowdey, president New York Union, speaks at Memorial Day service at Thrall Park held in connection with the state convention at Middletown. Youth at left of picture is Richard Milburn, convention soloist and reporter for Middletown "Times Herald."

ENDEAVORER OF YEAR (to right, center)—Helen Highnote receives certificate of honor from Orin J. Lockwood, treasurer of state and banquet toastmaster at convention of the Empire State.

THE CHURCH ON PARADE (to right, bottom)—A float with a model church structure advising church attendance was a feature in the outstanding parade at the New York sessions.

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Time

WRITES Burton Hills, columnist: "Best thing you can spend on your children is not money; it's time."

As to money, our resources are not equal. But all of us have twenty-four hours to a day, seven days in a week. The way we invest the resource of time will mean much to each of us, much to those around us.

Churches and Sunday schools and Young Adult groups have ways in which *you* can put some of *your* time to good use.

Ask For Responsibilities

But I hope these Christian agencies and programs — for the most part — are not pleading for your time. I don't like to see churches in an attitude of begging for recognition or for the time and services of Young Adult workers or for money or anything else. If we love Jesus and want to serve Him, we of the Christian flock should be making our way into His courts of service — volunteering for tasks, asking for responsibilities, preparing for more advanced duties, gladly giving our money as good stewards for the Lord.

A sturdy and historic pledge to whiich hosts of Christian Endeavor young people have tried, "trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength," to be faithful uses these words:

"As an active member, I promise to be true to all my duties, to be present at and take some part, aside from singing, in every Christian Endeavor prayer meeting, unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master."

Carrying out this covenant — of which the attendance and participation obligation was but one portion — is certain to take both time and effort. Yet those who have taken and lived by such promises to Christ and their fellow members have been happy, fruitful and influential Christians. They have accomplished more for the church and for Christian living than they may have dreamed was possible. For more than seventy-three years those who made such commitments, either through Christian Endeavor or some similar code or discipline, have been a part of the vanguard of Christian progress and church growth.

Budget Time For Church

Rev. Frank McDowell of Fredonia, Kansas, recently wrote:

"I once read a statement that nobody should join a congregation who did not intend to put in at least one hour a week for the church, not counting attendance at worship services and organizational activities.

"Many in our churches must do this, because our work is going forward.

"But others plan to give time to the church after other duties are met. Like some churches that intend to give to Benevolences when all other bills are paid, the job never gets done!

"We are all 'busy,' but anybody can learn to budget time and include the church work in the time budget.

"While we teach stewardship of money, we must also teach stewardship of time, beginning with the young people and including every healthy adult."

Let no one plead with you and me for such a commitment of time and effort to the service of the Church of Christ! You might as well plead to the husband that he honor his marriage vows or to the fireman that he answer every alarm or to the physician that he really should try hard to save a life. "By the nature of our calling," in this case by our voluntary allegiance to Christ and His Church, our able and devoted service to His Cause will be assured.

Taking part in a meeting of worship and testimony — "aside from singing," as the famous phrase goes — was planned by Christian Endeavor's founders as a means of encouraging *extra effort, the enlargement of responsibilities, a complete witness for Christ,* which in a later development of Christian living and service would insure "at least one hour a week for the church" in personal Christian action. The two ideas are joined. Together they represent Christian laymen's participation at its best.

And People

Using Extra Time and Effort

To what shall we give the extra time and effort "for the church," aside from worship services and organizational activities?

Here are some ideas — and you will add others, suited to needs in your own neighborhood and in line with your own talents:

Church calls. Welcome the stranger, in the name of your church. Call on the aged and those who cannot regularly attend worship services. Do not wait for Christmas eve to lead a group of singers — a prayer group — a few cheery couples — on a tour of the home-bound of your congregation.

Work with children. Sunday school classes need teachers (and substitute teachers also). Departments need superintendents and aides. The Scout troop can use an assistant scoutmaster and merit-badge instructors. A girl's camp is limited because of a lack of counselors. The skilled swimmer can teach aquatic expertness at church camp or at the Y.

Minister through music. The chorus or orchestra will take much of your time, but its ministry will mean a lot.

Church chores. Perhaps the church clerk should have an assistant. Probably the finance committee needs a few younger members, but its members didn't want to beg for your help. There are projects of repair a renovation and improvement which call hammers, pipe-wrenches and paint-brush and the people to wield them. The ti you give to such work will turn out to some of the most pleasant and rewardi you've ever spent!

Use of special skills. Who sews for t missionary centers and schools — only t older mothers and the grandmothers your congregation? Volunteer to have pa of such projects assumed by younger wo en. And the business women of the cong gation may volunteer to see that t articles, when ready, will be packed a shipped to the designated places. Simila those who draw, write, carve, bind, u holster, or tend gardens as a skill or hob can invest time and talents most appr priately to aid and enlarge and enrich t activities of the church.

Yes, you may want to covenant togeth for these forms of Christian work. At le you will want to keep your own person journal of some of the tasks you underta and some of the satisfactions you get out these fruitful hours in Christian effor which are personal and at the same time phase of congregational action.

It is at this point that you will becon more aware of the *persons* involved in ser ice for the church. Little imagination is r quired to picture the nine-year-old girl wh will wear the dress you cut and stitched t gether. You will not soon forget the hear gratitude of the shut-in who found som thing so bright and heartening in your ca When your group sings at the Thanksgi ing Day service a few months hence, yo will be suddenly aware that your hymn praise is appreciated by the whole congr tion because it stands for the gratitude mo members couldn't express so well.

Results Worth the Effort

In this work you will enjoy the peopl you plan to work with, your pals in th group project. Young Adults will find them selves part of a genuine fellowship forme by mutual interests and shared efforts — an that result will be well worth much labo and perseverance.

For time, in the Christian table of weigh and measures, is closely connected with peo ple. Notice how Jesus Christ has tried t teach us that. You will not find Him to busy with doctrines but that He can we come a group of children. His day of re is hallowed by the privilege of reading th law and preaching to the people in a hous of worship and also by healing a withere hand. About Him constantly are people — people asking for His time, seeking to b instructed, hoping to be healed, expectin *something more* than others will be able t give them.

The *something more* of Christ's spiri for which the world is hungry and thirsty is now in our keeping. We too can serv His people — if we'll offer Him a riche portion of our time.

Young Adult Workshop

By Bert H. Davis

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In the name of your fellow Endeavorers
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eaven, "Glory Begun Below;" and I pray
at you may drink deeply of this delight-
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I write to you from a spiritually awak-
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d that the Lord's Remnant is strong in
e midst of oppressive darkness, both se-
lar and religious.

So, with all of you, we lift up our hearts
our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, our
ce-crucified and now reigning Redeemer,
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arts of all men everywhere and in the
building of His church in all the earth,
til the consummation of the ages when
e shall return in glory, and there will be
deed "One World through Christ."

The Lord be with you all.

/s/ Geoffrey R. King

ALL IN FUN

Mister: "What do you think would go well with purple and green golf sox, dear?"
Missus: "Hip boots."

"I just found out your uncle's an undertaker. I thought you told me he was a doctor,"
"Nope. I just said he followed the medical profession."

"Why is that little shoe crying?"
"Because his mother is a sneaker and his father is a loafer."

When the lady who was making out the application came to the little square headed "Age," she did not hesitate. She simply wrote: "Atomic."

C. E. Conferences and Conventions

AUGUST

1-2—Tennessee, Milligan College (Leadership Class)
2-7—Rocky Mountain Leaders' Conference, Estes Park, Colorado
9-14—Pennsylvania, Chambersburg
20-22—Golden Rule, Harper's Ferry, West Virginia (Conference)
23-28—Washington (Conference), Ravensdale

SEPTEMBER

2-6—Missouri, Cuivre River (Conference)
3-6—District of Columbia, Camp Penn, Waynesboro, Penna. (Conference)
4-6—Ohio, Camp Otyokwah (Conference)
4-6—Indiana? (Conference)
17-19—Maryland, Towson

OCTOBER

9-11—Ontario, Fort Erie
14-16—New Jersey, Paterson
29-31—Tennessee, Johnson City

Quotations

"The two most precious things this side the grave are our reputation and our life."

"Character is made up of small duties faithfully performed—of self-denials, of self-sacrifices, of kindly acts of love and duty."

"Greatness and fame are not goodness. Many men have left great names, but not good ones. God looks to quality."

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A Workman

That Needeth Not to be Ashamed

John 5:17; Colossians 3:17,22-24

Senior-Young People

— SEPTEMBER 5 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

This will probably be the last summer meeting or the opening meeting for the fall schedule. As each autumn comes our minds turn to work. Summer is vacation time, whether you "went on vacation" or not. Now, everyone as a whole, is more conscious of work, whether it be at school, the regular job, seeking new employment, or the housewife following a more definite routine.

These topics are beamed for Senior-Young People, so it is very likely that some from your group are looking for work, after having graduated from high school. There should be at least a few in the upper grades of high school, who will soon be job-seeking. It is thus appropriate to observe Labor Day today. If possible have some of the parents or townspeople present representing their particular field of work, professional or manual labor. They might briefly speak of their work or just be on hand to answer questions concerning it. Visual aids, such as pictures or miniature equipment, could add much by being placed about the room. Create a "work" atmosphere. Make posters in advance to add to this impression. Try to get all the young people out to meeting.

Aim of The Topic

1. To point out how God has ordained that all should work.

2. To remind young people that they should be fair with their employer.

3. To realize that God expects each one to work for Him.

Helpful Bible Lessons

M., Aug. 30. Christ's Labor. John 9:4.
T., Aug. 31. Supreme Labor. John 6:27-29.
W., Sept. 1. Wise Occupation. Matt. 7:24, 25.
T., Sept. 2. Commendable Labor. Prov. 31:13-20.
F., Sept. 3. Cooperative Labor. Phil.4:1-3.
S., Sept. 4. Careful Use of Time. Eph. 5:14-17.
Sun., Sept. 5. Topic—"A Workman That Needeth Not to be Ashamed." John 5:17; Col. 3:17, 22-24.

"My Father Worketh — And I Work"

It is so often true that those who serve the Lord are criticized. When Jesus walked on earth, many watched Him carefully, trying to find fault with Him. The Saviour healed a man on the Sabbath, then told him to take up his bed and walk. Because he did take up his bed, which was considered work on the Sabbath, the Jews wanted to persecute Jesus. He answered them saying, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." (John 5:17.) Our Heavenly Father works each day looking after His children all over the world. Jesus was a workman who did not need to be ashamed and likewise was His heavenly Father. We may work *for Him* on the Lord's Day.

In Jesus' youth, He was a carpenter, following the trade of His earthly father Joseph. The Apostles were also workmen: fishermen, tax collectors, doctors, etc. All have set us the example of honest labor.

"Do All In The Name of The Lord"

Our Scripture lesson teaches that all that is done in life should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus. No matter how big or how small the task may be we are to try to do it in the name of Jesus. There is no lasting value for the one who is friendly so that he might become popular, or helpful to the needy so that he might be praised. Neither being busy in church activities only that he might receive titles and prestige, nor working diligently at his daily work so that people will take note of him, brings particular blessing. The one who does these deeds of kindness and helpfulness, or spends long hours for his church, or becomes a success in business, and does them in the name of Jesus, that *He* might receive glory and notice, will receive a Heavenly reward. This person does not look for earthly praise, though he often receives the deeper gift of gratitude.

Today's Scripture also tells us that all we do should be done heartily "as to the Lord, and not unto men." This passage brings to mind the verse "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." (Matthew 25:40.) As we do things for others let us do them as if it were doing things for Jesus Himself. Then, we too, can be workmen that needeth not to be ashamed.

"Six Days Shalt Thou Labor—"

One of God's Ten Commandments is "Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work, but . . . ." (Exodus 20:9.) Therefore, the Lord expects us to work. As Christian workers, we have certain responsibilities.

A SEED THOUGHT

"You never will be saved by works; but let us tell you most solemnly that you never will be saved without works."

Although the phrase that is adopted as th title of today's topic, is taken from a ver that tells us to study the word of God, can well be applied to our daily wor In this matter, we should neither l ashamed of ourselves *or* our work. Eve man should give a full day's work to h employer so that he will not be ashamed draw his pay at the end of a week. It so easy to cheat in this regard either b doing our assigned work hurriedly to g it done, or by "stalling" so as not to ha to accomplish the amount that is possibl Neither way is honest or Christian.

It is just as important that we not l ashamed of our place of work. A Christi should not work for a company who primary purpose is to aid evil in the worl Work to promote good, not to help destr it.

Some think and say, "The world ow me a living," and live accordingly. In eve way they just "get by," letting the rest the world do their share for them. Th attitude is wrong, for God ordained th man should earn his bread. In some of th very familiar passages of the Bible, follo ing the familiar Garden of Eden episod

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TALK IT OVER

1. List work that is considered "full-time Christian service."

2. List work that CAN BE Christian.

3. Name types of work that a Christian should avoid.

4. What are some responsibilities that an employee has to his employer?

5. How can the ordinary working man "work for Christ" at his place of business?

6. How can the housewife serve the Lord in her home?

7. How can a young person in school serve Christ?

8. How do we know that God ordained that man should work? (Give verses where possible.)

9. Mention work that Jesus Christ did while on earth that man can also do today.

10. How can we "Do all in the name of the Lord?" Why should we

Take What You Want and Pay

Matthew 7:12; 20:1-14; Ecclesiastes 5:9

ur Aim

1. To consider the reasons for Labor ay.
2. To stress the necessity for honest ork.
3. To see the need for preparation do the greatest work in God's King-m.

abor Day's History

A long way back, in 1882, Peter Mc-ire, president of the United Brother-od of Carpenters and Joiners of Ameri-, proposed to the recently organized Cen-l Labor Union in New York that labor ould have a "day," the purpose of which is to show the strength, the need and e spirit of labor. A parade and picnic ere planned for the first Monday in ptember 1882, since that date would fall tween Independence Day and Thanks-ving Day. The idea became popular and 1884, the organization which later be-me the American Federation of Labor ade Labor Day a national observance. radually all the states made it a holiday.

anted Workers

oses was busy with his flocks at Horeb.
deon was busy threshing wheat by the wine press.
ul was busy searching for his father's lost beasts.
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hemiah was busy bearing the king's winecup.
nos was busy caring for his sheep and sycamore fruit and attending the market.
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rdia was busy preparing and selling her purple fabrics.
mes and John were busy mending their nets.
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ary and Elizabeth were busy with their homemaking.
sus was busy, probably in the carpenter shop and about his Father's business.

—Author Unknown.

o the Leader

A story is told of two young people rift in a boat on the Atlantic Ocean off e coast of Brazil, following the capsizing their sailboat. They suffered intensely om lack of water. Hailing a passing steamer they cried out, "We are dying of thirst!" Imagine their disgust when passengers and crew called back, "Dip down and drink!" Under the urge they cautiously tasted what they expected to be salt water and found it fresh. It happened that they were in the path of the great outward flow from the Amazon River, which sends its fresh water into the ocean for more than a hundred miles.

This is a story which will apply to many a young life today. Youth feels the urge to achieve great things. All about it flow streams of help and guidance of which it is unaware. The purpose of this topic will be to help young people find their best possible adjustment in life, not only by means of utilizing their natural resources, but through the clear-sightedness and understanding of parents, and by taking advantage of the various vocational departments offered by schools and agencies.

Marks of a Christian Laborer

Just how does a Christian worker differ from other workers? Is he Christian because he attends church on Sunday, or because he smiles at his work? It is far deeper than this. Even among laborers on the same job, there are definite characteristics which distinguish the genuine follower of Jesus, the carpenter.

The Christian laborer considers his work a divine calling. His vocation is a holy privilege and an exciting adventure. His work, like his worship, is an integral part of a way of life to which he has been called.

All toil ennobling the worker and contributing to the well-being of others is holy. That which violates the will of God is evil, even if it happens to be respectable in the eyes of men. The work of a person who improves community sanitation by digging ditches is just as sacred as the work of a college president. Both tasks are necessary for the good life, and if both men are committed to the kingdom their "service ranks the same with God." Christian youth must do away with the false notion that the "professions" offer better opportunities for service than do farming, roadmaking, or shipbuilding. Working with one's hands can be every bit as honorable and as holy as preaching or writing. *A Christian vocation is a calling with purpose, and that purpose is to expend one's powers in service to God and man. Choose Your Vocation and Make It Christian.*

Choosing a vocation is one of the greatest decisions a youth must make. Appointing God executive of that chosen career spells success. No matter in what field you choose to take Him, God is willing to go. Go into the coal fields of West Virginia, and see if God won't be the miner's lamp to outshine all others. Become a Christian housewife, and see if God won't shine from the face of your first born to give hope and happiness. Become a Christian business man and see if Jesus Christ isn't present in each board meeting giving courage to executives and a feeling of belonging to laborers through you. Become a Christian doctor and see if a greater physician doesn't lift the knife and sponge with your hands, saving life, giving comfort and hope to the suffering. Become a Christian teacher and see if your grateful students don't rise up and call you blessed.

A Good Example

I know a young man who once worked for an electrical firm. He was called to a house to fix a fuse which had blown out because of a crossed wire. When he had finished that work, the lady of the house said to him, "That fuse blew out because a wire in my electric iron wore through. I wonder if you would fix that, too, for me?"

The young man answered, "That is not supposed to be a part of my regular work, but I shall be glad to do it for you, Lady."

He did the work in a few minutes and he did it perfectly. When he had finished, the woman said, "I want to pay you something. What should I give you?"

He returned, "I am glad to do that work for you. I will not accept any pay. I work for a company the motto of which is 'Service.' I want to do my small part to make that motto real. Thanks just the same!"

Do you wonder that the woman called the Edison Company, for which he worked, and told that youth's employer about the little bit of "extra" service. Also, do you wonder that the young man was given a real promotion within a week after the incident happened?

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From God's Word

, Aug. 30. Wealth Based on Labor. Prov. 13:11.
Aug. 31. Unprofitable Riches. Jer. 17:10, 11.
., Sept. 1. Rewarded According to Faithfulness. Matt. 25:14-30.
Sept. 2. Confusing True Values. Luke 12:16-21.
Sept. 3. Christian Labor Not in Vain. I Cor. 15:58.
Sept. 4. A Gift Which Cannot Be Purchased. Acts. 8:14-22.
n., Sept. 5. Topic—Take What You Want and Pay. (Labor Day) Matt. 7:12; 20:1-14; Eccl. 5:9.

Intermediate

— SEPTEMBER 5 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

PONDER AND DECIDE

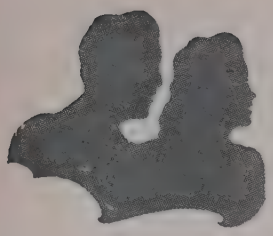
1. What makes a vocation "Christian?"

2. Are there some types of work that a Christian could not do? What are some of them, if you think so? Why?

3. How can we know what God really wants us to do? How does God calls us to do His work? Give some examples of the way in which God has called other people.

4. What are some of the greatest needs in our world today? Is there any way we can help to meet those needs?

5. Is it more Christian to be a minister or a missionary than to be a doctor or a farmer? Give the reasons for your answer. Are ministers and missionaries needed today?



Senior-Young People

— SEPTEMBER 12 —

Forward With Christ — Through Christian Endeavor

First Topic in a Series on "Forward With Christ"

Exodus 14:13-18; Philippians 4:13

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

With the busy church year just beginning and Christian Endeavor preparing to shift into high gear again the leader of this meeting has a heavy responsibility. In many societies and fellowships this will be the opening meeting after a summer vacation. In every group it is the time for a complete inventory of needs and program; of achievements and future possibilities. Help the society begin this now. The topic today is the first of a series of three on the general theme "Forward With Christ." This is also the biennial theme for the entire International Society of Christian Endeavor and its many units. The topic should make this great theme "come alive" in the thinking of your members. On the young people's level in the local church, our going forword with Him is often made possible by the Christian Endeavor society's going forward with Him first. The leader should strive to have all realize this relationship. As the society is "alive, alert, and alluring" and as ti is centered on Christ, so will the Christian lives of the members be enhanced.

Cause the members to study again the Christian Endeavor Pledge, its meaning and value, its relationship to the normal Christian life. Point out that it represents only the minimum requirements for any sincere church member and that it is easy to keep because Christ Himself is our divine aid. This would be a good time for a re-signing of the Pledge after it has been interpreted and explained. Young people are not afraid of challenging things, especially if they are important. Do your part to prepare the membership for a great year by helping them under-gird themselves spiritually. The only way Christian Endeavor will regain its former power is by a new emphasis on its basic ideals and practices. This growth is on its way. Our beloved movement is going forward rapidly; stride forth with it.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What do we mean by the motto "For Christ and the Church?"
2. What are the four principles?
3. What is the current theme for the Christian Endeavor Movement?
4. What are the benefits of the Christian Endeavor Pledge?
5. Is there any good reason why a normal young person could not "keep" this pledge?
6. What is the purpose of Christian Endeavor?
7. Give your own interpretation of the name "Christian Endeavor." What does it mean really?
8. How can our committees become more active, and valuable to the Society?
9. Are you satisfied with your total society program? With your weekly devotional meetings? Why? Or why not?
10. Make assignments and suggestions in order that all members may come to the meeting next week prepared to give further suggestions for improving the Society meetings.

Aim of The Topic

1. To note the forward thrust of Christian Endeavor.
2. To discover how we may advance with it.
3. To re-study the secrets of its great power.

A New Youth Movement

Christian Endeavor was founded February 2, 1881 in Portland Maine. This was a totally new thought in the life of the Church. Not only was it a *new* youth movement, it was the first one. Dr. Francis E. Clark designed it under God to be the means of effectively using young people in the service of Christ in the Church. Born in an age of vital evangelism, it was the way for youth to win youth. It proved to be the agency for expression in Christian experience.

Today it still bears the characteristics of a new youth movement. This organization, inspired by God Himself, is the need of modern youth of the Church. It is Christ-centered, it is ecumenical and interdenominational, it is geared to the needs of the Church today. If for no other reason, its leadership-training genius is needed. Despite its long and distinguished history, Christian Endeavor is as new as tomorrow morning.

"For Christ and The Church"

This motto of the Society carries a magnificent challenge in its every word. In fulfillment of its aim, the four cardinal principles of Christian Endeavor form the foundation stones. These basic principles are as follows:

1. Confession of Christ.
2. Service for Christ.
3. Loyalty to Christ's Church.
4. Fellowship with all of Christ's people.

These principles form a logical sequence for a young Christian or for a church organization. To acknowledge (confess) Christ as Lord and Saviour is basic. Then energetic youth will wish to do something about such at commitment; service for Him is the answer. Loyalty to one's own church is a minimum requirement for a child of God, also. Finally, if we believe these things, we will have fellowship together in His Name. To go "Forward With Christ" today means our going back to these principles. They are the very foundations for a successful society.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Sometimes we must go back to go forward." How is this true in Christian Endeavor?

The Covenant With God

For a great many years the Christian Endeavor Pledge has been one of our most unique and cherished possessions. It has been of great value in stating concisely the duties of the growing Christian. It takes our religious duties and makes them a privilege. The traditional definition is, "The Pledge is a standard of character and action which we promise to try to reach."

In a larger sense the Pledge is a convenant between the youth and his God. Each promises to give something definite to the other. Thus it becomes more than merely a step of initiation of membership in a society. It is the means of obtaining Christ's help and blessing. Every society should have the Pledge as a basis for active membership. This means only those who have signed the Pledge are eligible to vote or hold office. Such a system of personal commitment makes for a finer quality of discipleship among the members and a more responsible and worthy leadership. The blessings derived from "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength" make the victory promised in Philippians 4:13.

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Scripture Readings

M., Sept. 6. Christian. Matt. 16:24, 25.
T., Sept. 7. Endeavor. Phil.3:13, 14.
W.,Sept. 8. Confession. Matt. 10:32, 33.
T., Sept. 9. Service. Col. 3:23, 24.
F., Sept. 10. Loyalty. John 15: 5-8.
S., Sept. 11. Fellowship. I John 1:6, 7.
Sun., Sept. 12. Topic—Forward with Christ Through Christian Endeavor. Ex. 14:13-18; Phil. 4:13.

Church or School First?

Proverbs 1:28-33; 3:19-22; John 8:32

Intermediate

— SEPTEMBER 12 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

So you see that in the last analysis there is a very real sense in which the church of tomorrow depends upon you and upon the decision that you make today. Will there be in this "tortured" world of ours enough men and women of faith to carry on what Christ began? Will there be enough to rear the walls of the church upon the skyline of the brave new world? Will there be enough who will come in humility and with a consciousness of unworthiness and yet with a vibrant sense of responsibility? Much of the nature of the world of tomorrow depends upon these questions. If you let the time for decision pass without determining to be loyal to Christ and the church, you will add your small part to the rampant forces of paganism that threaten the ideals for which the church stands. If, on the other hand, you make yourself a part of this great groping institution that has meant so much in the centuries past, you will be doing your small bit in carrying forward the work which Jesus began.

Our Aim

1. To give consideration to the place of school activities in our schedule.

2. To portray the right of the church to some of youth's time.

3. To face squarely issues of decision that comes to all young people.

"Back to" Month

It is "back to school" for thousands of teachers and school children across our nation. It is *back to work* for the laborer after the Labor Day Holiday. It is *back to to familiar surroundings and routines* for the tourist and vacationer.

And most of us are glad when the months of July and August are past because we like to get back into the stride of things and feel that now we are "on the ball" once more. We approach our tasks with greater zest because of widened horizons and refreshed spirits. At least, that's the way it should be if we have used July and August well.

Even so, it is a "getting back to" month. And we might do well to inquire, "Are there things that I ought to *get back to* this September?"

First of all, let's be sure to go back to school. Yes, we know you could keep on working. And child labor laws aren't observed so rigidly any more. But let's go back to school. You could use a little extra cash, but our sick world needs trained leaders, men and women who not only want to help but know how. To get that "know-how," go back to school.

But it's also "back to church" month. Why? Because the church belongs to Jesus Christ. It's His church. "Upon this rock I will build MY church," Jesus said. The church has no earthly owner.

Its ownership is in heaven. It belongs to Christ. If you really love Jesus Christ as you should, if you are a Christian you will not neglect any service of His church when it's at all possible for you to attend that service.

The Apostle Paul knew the value of regular church attendance and he urged the early church to be faithful in assembling themselves together for worship. If Paul could speak to you today I am sure this would be the burden of his message. "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together as the custom of some is." Hebrews 10:25.

Share John's Enthusiasm

John writes with enthusiasm about the light that he has seen in Jesus and of the joy the followers of Jesus shared. If we have the friendship of Jesus, and fellowship with Him, we shall "walk in the light." John would teach us that if we wish to walk in this light we must confess our sins which He will forgive. Shall we share this enthusiasm of John?

By the way we live, the things we do (or do not do), at home, at school, in our community, other boys and girls may observe that we are trying to follow Jesus' teachings. To be kind, to be loyal, to be honest, to be true, is to bear witness for Jesus in school life—*to walk in the light!*

Be an Example in School

Christian boys and girls may help establish the practice of honesty in school work. If each one does his best, careless customs, often dishonest, such as borrowing each other's papers, will be forgotten. There is a difference between helping a pal learn the way to solve a difficult problem, and letting him copy your work. Is there a reputation for honest work and individual effort in your school? Let each one do his best!

Give Your Church a Fair Deal

Christian youth have a responsibility toward their homes and toward the communities in which they live. The purpose of this lesson is to make the Intermediates realize that Christian youth must take their share of responsibility in the church and what they may do to take their rightful place in the work of the church.

If this lesson is as effective as it should be, the leader will make it clear that it is one lesson of a unit of two lessons about Christian youth. Think in terms of next week's planning session for your society.

What the Church Expects

1. The church should expect *loyalty.* When the church assembles for prayer, or worship, or service, we should be on hand.

2. The church has a right to expect your *financial support.* It takes money to run the church.

3. The church has a right to a portion of your *time.* The excuse that you are too busy is unworthy of a sincerely true and honest Christian.

4. The church has a right to expect *efficient service.* Many people seem to think that anything is good enough for the church.

5. The church has a right to expect *growth in Christian character* and activities. The church should be composed of people who are growing Christians.

6. The church should ask of you your *highest talents.*

7. The church should expect *enthusiasm* from its members, and especially from its young people.

Make your church work abound in its Christlike good will and happiness.

No youth can afford to wait until he believes he is good enough and old enough for the church. If that time ever arrived then his very lack of humility would disqualify him. It comes back to each of us in terms of a personal responsibility and a personal call. For all our weakness and our sin God invites us to come to the church just as we are and have a part in the things that Jesus began to do. The time for decision regarding our loyalty to the church is never tomorrow. It is always today.

Scripture Readings

M., Sept. 6. Instruction Vital to Life. Prov. 4:10-13.
T., Sept. 7. Knowledge Better Than Wealth. Prov. 8:8-11.
W., Sept. 8. Taught of the Lord. Isa. 54:13.
T., Sept. 9. The Cost of Discipleship. Luke 14:27-33.
F., Sept. 10. True Profit. Mark 8:34-38.
S., Sept. 11. First Things First. Matt. 6:24-34.
Sun., Sept. 12. Topic—Church or School First? Prov. 1:28-33; 3:19-22; John 8:32.

Suggested Program

CALL TO WORSHIP (The responses may be said by a few people or by the whole group.)

LEADER: "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes." (Eccles. 11:9.)

RESPONSE: "Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth." (Eccles. 12:10.)

ALL: With my whole heart have I sought thee! Oh, let me not wander from thy commandments. (Psalm 119:10.)

HYMNS: "Come, Thou Almight King," "Fairest Lord Jesus," "For the Beauty of the Earth" (stanzas 1 and 4).

TALK: "Showing a Christian Spirit Toward Others at School."

SCRIPTURE: Zech. 8:16, 17.

TALK: "Learning to Know Our Teachers Better"

POEM: "The Carpenter Shop."

TALK: "Doing Our Best."

PRAYER by the leader or adult counselor. (This prayer should be carefully thought out, brief, sincere. It should express the desire of boys and girls to show a Christian spirit in all activities of school life.

SCRIPTURE: I John 1:5-10.
Followed by topic presentation.

HYMN: "I Would Be True" or "True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted."

BENEDICTION

Making Our Christian Endeavor Click

Second Topic in a Series on "Forward With Christ"

I Corinthians 14:40; I Timothy 3:12-16; II Timothy 2:15

Senior-Young People

— SEPTEMBER 19 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

The invitation was given last week that each one bring ideas and suggestions to this meeting as to topics and kinds of meetings desired. If it seems wise for your own group, perhaps you should meet at an earlier hour in order to take full advantage of this topic. This will be one of the opening Fall meetings and can aid greatly in developing an interesting year's program. Now is the time for such plans, if not already made. This topic will not be written in its usual manner due to its specific purpose. One of the best leaders, or perhaps the pastor or counsellor should lead this meeting.

The first two sections entitled "Make It Click—" and "Christ is in the Center" can be used as subject material for a demonstration type of meeting if desired.

Aim of The Topic

1. To make societies "click" in successful operation.

2. To train members to lead better meetings.

Make It Click, Not A Clique

Some societies have problems in making them just what they want them to be. Various things cause these problems. Where societies include young people from different schools, different social standings, different sections of town, etc., very often cliques result. Such groups sometimes put their personal friendships ahead of the fact that all are "one in Christ." Some society members become so attached to one another that they forget others in the church and community would like to share in the organization. When they come, they feel outside the "clique," the little "closed corporation" that is set up. In some churches one society has to care for all ages, and often one age group predominates. This can discourage older or younger ones from taking an active part.

Each one must do his part to make the society click. Christian Endeavor meetings are not social club functions but are religious services. Occasional social activities are also sponsored and necessary. One main factor in making a society click is to have well-planned, varied, and interesting programs, with devotional, service, and social emphasis in balance. It is hoped that the written model included here will help in solving the devotional problem.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Whoever would fully and feelingly understand the words of Christ, must endeavor to conform his life wholly to the life of Christ."—Thomas a' Kempis.

Christ Is At The Center

Christian Endeavor was so named and so established that Christ would be at the very center of every program. If this is not true of your society perhaps it is a key to possible weakness in the program. It does not matter whether the activity be social, service, money-raising project, or Sunday meeting fellowship, Christ should be kept foremost in the minds of the members.

Planning Is Necessary

A society will not click if it has no plan to follow. There are many materials available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad street, Columbus 16, Ohio, that will greatly aid society planning. Follow the monthly suggestions in the *Senior-Young People's Program Guide*. Now is the time of year to sit down and plan the full year's program. *The Program Guide* will be most helpful. *Christian Endeavor Essentials* and other methods books should be ordered at once.

It would be very worthwhile to have a planning conference. At that time clearly point out the duties of each officer. Secure literature from either the International Society or your state union office that explains the duties of officers and committees.

Assign each one some responsibility for the coming year. Plan a well-balanced program of worship, recreation, service, and projects.

Suggestions on How To Prepare and Lead A Christian Endeavor Meeting

A. Before The Meeting

1. Secure all material needed in advance. (At least three weeks)
2. First, read only the topic title and Scripture.
3. Pray and meditate, asking God's guidance.
4. Jot your own thoughts that go with the topic.
5. Look up further material.
6. Finally, read all the information given in *The Christian Endeavor World* and other sources.
7. Compare that material with your own thoughts and organize the total.
8. Prepare a five minute leader's talk to introduce the topic and give the general "drift" of the meeting.

B. Preparation of Devotional Part of Meeting

1. Choose hymns to go with meeting or a special theme.
2. Select a correspondding or supplementary Scripture.
3. Use a fitting piece of poetry occasionally.
4. Introduce only one new hymn a week.
5. Notify pianist of hymns in advance.
6. Make or arrange for announcements necessary.
7. Use various types of prayer: Sentence prayers, chain prayer, choral reading prayer, occasionally a single prayer, etc.

(*Please turn to Page 31, Col. 1*)

Bible Readings

M., Sept. 13. Speaking Boldly. Mark 5:18-20.
T., Sept. 14. Singing Thankfully. Eph. 5:19, 20.
W., Sept. 15. Working Unitedly. Acts 4:32-35.
T., Sept. 16. Serving Humbly. Phil. 3: 7-11.
F., Sept. 17. Preparing Effectively. Mark 14:13-17.
S., Sept. 18. Praying in Everything. Phil. 4: 6.
Sun., Sept. 19. Topic—Making Our Christian Endeavor Click. I Cor. 14:40; I Tim. 3:12-16; II Tim. 2:15.

DISCUSSION MATERIAL

1. Does your society "click?" If not, why not?

2. Do you know how you can help it function more effectively?

3. Do you have cliques in your society? Analyze your inner "groups."

4. If so, what will you do about it now? Discuss ways this can be corrected.

5. How can your society have more interesting meetings?

6. Do you have a Christ-centered program? How can you test this?

7. How could it be more Christ-centered?

8. What is the implication of the word "Christian" in Christian Endeavor?

9. What does it mean to "go forward" with Christ?

10. Which is more important for the Society, efficient organization or consecration to Christ?

Does Christian Endeavor Matter?

Philippians 3:12-14; 4:3; Ephesians 3:20, 21

Intermediate

— SEPTEMBER 19 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aim

1. To focus upon youth work in the local church.

2. To make plans for the year ahead.

3. To urge loyalty and preparation for good churchmanship.

Hints for a Special Meeting

(a) A special invitation may be extended to everyone in your church who has ever been a Christian Endeavorer to attend this service. Give special recognition to the oldest Endeavorers. Ask some one who was an active member some years ago to tell you about "Christian Endeavor in Our Church in 1930 (or before)." Ask others in advance to write testimonials to be read.

(b) Some other members may be asked to present the Christian Endeavor Pledge and tell what it has meant to young people who have tried to use it as a guide in their Christian lives.

(c) Have work-sheets with dates of meeting-nights. Talk over kinds of meetings the members would like to have and enter on some of the dates.

(d) Start with this conversation. (The President walks in and sits down behind a table, gloomily, head in hands. The Secretary comes in. Use your actual officers, if possible, and their own names.)

SECRETARY: Why, Bill, what's wrong? Did you just see an odd, mushroom-shaped cloud or something?

PRESIDENT: Oh, no. It isn't that. It's just that—well, I don't know how to express it. But sometimes, on Sunday nights, I wonder if it's worth while.

SECRETARY: If *what's* worth while?

PRESIDENT: Christian Endeavor. *This.* (Extending his hand in the direction of the assembled gathering of youth.) These people. This meeting. Week after week, Sunday after Sunday. Programs. Council meetings. Sunday School. Service projects. Parties. Food. *You* know.

SECRETARY: (looking at group with raised critical eyebrow): Yes, I think I see what you mean. I wonder sometimes, myself, especially when I have to telephone the whole list and tell them something they would have known if they'd only listened.

PRESIDENT: That isn't what I'm getting at, exactly. I wonder if we really are doing anything that will last, or are we just meeting and wasting time? The world seems to be in such a mess—could we spend our time doing something more important than all this? Does C.E. really matter?

SECRETARY: I sometimes wonder, too. But don't you think it's partly because we aren't making Christian Endeavor all it should be? It can be a pretty big thing, you know. I think it's supposed to be something like the early Christians—a real fellowship, with Christ at the center of all we do: our recreation, at home, in our schoolwork, our friendships—everything. It ought to be the strongest thing in our lives.

PRESIDENT: And too often it's so weak. I'd be the first to admit that. We could do so much more than we're doing.

SECRETARY: Oh, well—guess there's not much we can do about it right now. By the way, do you remember those letters you asked me to write to some adults asking about what their church youth groups had meant to them?

PRESIDENT: Yes, vaguely. We were going to use them in a program, I think. Have you heard from any of them?

SECRETARY: Practically all of them. Here they are. I haven't had time to read them all myself. Want to read some of them?

PRESIDENT: Yes, let's do. (Looks at letters for a few moments, sorting them out.) You certainly wrote to a lot of different types of people. (Holds one up.) This one looks brief and to the point—from a young veteran who owns and operates two dry cleaning shops. Not bad for someone his age. I'll read it to you. (Gather letters from various church leaders on "What C.E. Meant to Me" and read them.)

What is the deepest purpose of your Society?

Some groups come together for fun and fellowship only, others to learn more about the world in which they live, to discuss modern issues, some to worship. Think of your program and decide how *religious* your society is, and then how you carry the *religion* you talk about into real life and service. Does it make any difference in the daily life of members?

Would you say these are vital elements in your society's work?

a. *Christ First.* Christian Endeavor puts Christ at the center of its fellowship and makes the church the setting for such fellowship. The experiences out of which friendships are made under such auspices can be repeated wherever the church exists and whenever one's heart is lifted toward Christ. One does not have to leave the church building nor its membership to enrich the fellowship originating in Christian Endeavor continually.

b. *Friendship.* There is something unique about an Intermediate society. It brings together people of the same age and leads them to do many different kinds of things together. For example, is there any other group where you unite in play, and prayer, and discussion, and carrying on all sorts of activities? A society may have the broadest sort of a program to give an enduring basis for friendship on the highest plane.

Do young people have a right to expect to find friends in your society? Does your society have any *friendly* purpose? Are younger boys and girls welcomed? Do new people feel at home? Do people like to visit your church? Why? What can you do consciously to make your meeting place more attractive, your program more appealing, your influence among others means more happiness for many? Must a person belong to a certain social class, or sect, or race, or nationality to find a welcome in your society?

c. *Training.* The first Christian Endeavor society had youth officers and committees. Every member at work has been a Christian Endeavor ideal. Young people have learned to speak before others, to lead meetings, to make plans for widely varied activities. It has been a process of "learning by doing." Is this valuable? Who does the work of your society? Are you growing in your ability to do things? What skills should be developed in the process of the program, for a year? Think about the entire program, and see how many opportunities there are for training for Christian service. Is this one purpose of your society? How far is it being achieved?

d. *Service.* "For Christ and the Church" is a Christian Endeavor slogan. What does it mean? What has your society done for Christ? What have you given to the church in time, thought, money, loyalty? If your society were to be rated according to the amount of service it has rendered during the last six months, what would it score? Has a Christian Endeavor society any missionary responsibility? What has your church given you? What have you given the church? What definite purpose to render service will you accept for the coming year?

e. *Cooperative action.* Cooperative action involves the creating, the organizing, the promoting, the execution and the completion of the many projects to be found in what may be called the routine duties of a successful society. The exercise of leading a society calls for skill in cooperation and has real educational value in social living.

HELP VIA QUESTIONS

1. What is the value of the Christian Endeavor pledge?

2. How can we better live up to our pledge?

3. What do we want to see accomplished in our Christian Endeavor this year?

4. If it comes to a question of school or church activities, where does our first loyalty lie?

5. How can we develop a better spirit of friendship between our members?

Daily Bible Lessons

M., Sept. 13. Speaking Boldly. Mark 5:18-20.
T., Sept. 14. Serving Heartily. Col. 3:23, 24.
W., Sept. 15. Working Unitedly. Acts 4:32-35.
T., Sept. 16. Reaching Others. John 1:41, 42.
F., Sept. 17. Preparing Effectively. Mark 14:13-17.
S., Sept. 18. Abiding in Christ. John 15:5-8.
Sun., Sept. 19. Topic—Does Christian Endeavor Matter? Phil. 3:12-14; 4:3; Eph. 3:20, 21.

Senior-Young People

— SEPTEMBER 26 —

Am I a Player or Spectator?

Third Topic in a Series on "Forward With Christ"

Luke 20:9-16

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to make every person conscious of his responsibility to his Lord and to the society of which he is a member. By this date societies should have a good start on their fall program. This is also the time of year when officers are being selected or beginning their new term. A schedule of leaders for meetings is being set up, also. Therefore, each one is conscious of responsibilities, either lasting or temporary. This meeting is planned to encourage participation on the part of each member.

It will be interesting to advertise this meeting by attractive posters using footballs, or baseballs, etc. At the meeting place the chairs in team fashion and plan to keep score. As one participates he can add to the score by points. Have definite rules established beforehand as a part of careful planning for a bang-up special meeting. Make this one "different." Pennants can be displayed; the names of favorite schools or colleges, given to the "teams." Use school terminology. Give your imagination a workout!

Aim of The Topic

1. To make each one conscious of having a responsibility to God and to society.

2. To encourage co-operation and participation.

The Coaching Staff

The coach of any sport must set the pace for the team. He encourages proper and helpful living in order to keep the team in the best of condition. The team looks to the coach for suggestions, instructions, and direct guidance. In Christian Endeavor the members of the "team" look to the counsellor and officials for suggestions, instruction, and guidance. It is expected that the officers will set the example for proper living to the rest of the members. If these leaders are doing their job well, that is encouragement for the rest to do their share.

The president of a society presides over all meetings, inspiring others, getting them to do their work, and do it well. He is a member ex-officio of all committees, therefore able to inspire the others in their duties. The president is expected to be a consecrated person. High ideals, executive ability, social outreach, vision, energy, perseverance, tact, inventiveness, and enthusiasm will all help. When he has these qualities he can help to instill them in others. At business meetings, he has a carefully planned order of business, following parliamentary procedure. Whether an occasion is social, devotional, or one of service, the president should see that things go smoothly and in order. This officer always represents the society before the church and should be close to the Pastor.

The vice-president should have the qualities of the president because he acts in his stead and assists him regularly in his duties. In many societies he is also the look-out committee chairman.

The secretary takes care of all the records of the society, keeping an active record of the membership roll, and minutes of all business transacted. It is his or her duty to call the roll at consecration meetings and also send notices of elections and assignments.

The treasurer keeps all records regarding the money of the society, paying only on order of the society. Some requirements are honesty, accuracy, neatness, promptness, vigor, and tact.

The Team

In sports, the team is the functioning unit. Through their efforts, the place or school they represent, is known and judged. They are often liked or disliked by this representation. The team has certain rules to follow. Practice is required and exercise is essential. Faithfulness to their task is of vital importance, each in his own place.

So in the Christian Endeavor society, as the team, the committees must function. They must meet for planning and then to work these plans. The society will be known and recognized because of the leadership functions and the committee success.

The devotional committee should have as two of its objectives, to improve the society meetings constantly, and to further the private devotional life of the members. Some qualifications are a deep personal devotion to Jesus Christ, a willingness to express that devotion openly, and willingness to be an example of Christian living. It is the duty of this committee or its chairman, to have topics and themes available, to appoint leaders well in advance, to train new leaders, and to conduct a pre-prayer service before each devotional meeting.

The look-out committee is to secure new members from Sunday school, church, and community. They are to keep old members active, and win souls for Christ. Some other duties are to work patiently with members, keep records of attendance, and contact absentees. They are to introduce new members and acquaint visitors with the society. New members may be secured effectively by organizing teams of two to call at homes of new prospects. A good motto for this committee is "I am my brother's keeper."

The missionary committee is to promote missionary interest by special meetings, study, projects, socials and prayers. They should secure information about church-sponsored missionaries, read letters, show pictures, invite missionaries to speak, etc. They may introduce projects of collecting supplies, making useful materials, and raising special funds.

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Help From The Scripture

M., Sept. 20. The Use of the Talents. Matt. 25:14-29.
T., Sept. 21. Using Our Gifts. Luke 19:12-26.
W., Sept. 22. Giving Encouragement. Isaiah 41:6, 7.
T., Sept. 23. We Are Living Epistles. II Cor. 3:1-3.
F., Sept. 24. Responsibility For Others. Gal. 6:1-6.
S., Sept. 25. Each Doing His Part. I Chron. 28:20, 21.
Sun., Sept. 26. Topic—Am I a Player or Spectator? Luke 20:9-16.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Players, not bench-warmers, are needed on God's Team."

TOSS THE BALL

1. Which player is more important — the president or the devotional chairman? Why?

2. Why should the president be a member ex-officio of ALL committees?

3. What are some regular tasks the vice-president can do other than just "stand by?"

4. What is the most important duty of the treasurer? Of the secretary?

5. How often should there be social activity? Name some a Christian organization should sponsor.

6. What do you suggest to "liven-up" your missionary interests?

7. Where is your look-out committee lacking in functioning properly?

8. What should be the relationship between the society and counsellor? The society and pastor? Where do you need to improve these relations?

9. How can the society encourage more participation and co-operation from society members?

10. Name ways of participating as a member.

11. What fair reasons could one give for not "playing on the team?"

12. Review the various duties listed in topic, and discuss them with the officers.

A Spire in the Community

First Topic in a Series on "The Church Today"

Amos 5:6-15

Intermediate

— SEPTEMBER 26 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aim

1. To consider what a community would be like without a church.

2. To see what your church stands for in the community.

3. To plan a project which helps Intermediates become better acquainted with the local church.

Your Church in Your Community

Will Rogers once said, "Everybody is ignorant, but on different subjects." The opposite is also true: Everybody is smart, but on different subjects.

It is part of our job as church youth to know and understand the community in which we live. Our community is made up of "rich man, poor man, beggerman, thief, doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief." Some of these folk have spent years in learning their trades and studying human beings. Some have the "know-how" on subjects which would be useful to the church, and the church in turn has a message which is a "must" to them. Can we get the two together?

The Christian seeks earnestly to understand more fully what Jesus actually taught and lived. A careful reading of the gospels (Luke would be a good book with which to begin) will help one to know his full duty. It would also be profitable for a young people's society to spend at least a quarter on the teachings of Amos.

Tonight's Scripture gives a pungent quotation from Amos for consideration by today's church. Ponder it and bring out your thoughts as to its meaning. It is the insistent projection of God's message through the church that keeps our communities from becoming pagan.

What the Church Stands for in the Community.

1. *Fellowship with a vast company of noble people.* Open the eyes of your imagination and see them—the dozen or so first followers of Jesus who got the church going; the martyrs of the first three centuries whose blood was "the seed of the church"; those men who carried the Christian message to the far places of Europe, the steppes of Russia, the tribes of the North, the marshes and glens of England; those heroic characters, Luther, Knox, Calvin, Wesley, who purified the church of its evils a few hundreds of years ago and set it on its way again; those who planted it in the new soil of America; the missionaries who have carried its flag around the world; the many millions of a host of creeds who love it and serve it over the earth today—these men and women are now fellow-Christians of all who relate themselves to the church in your community.

2. *An institution that carries on a great work.* The church is a group of people who are organized or banded together, just as are those in other institutions, for the sake of doing something together that they want to see done.

And what is that something? They want to see the life of this world and the lives of people in it run by a different plan than that by which they are run today. They want to see these matters run according to the plan and will of God for our lives and for this world. Many of these people call this plan the Kingdom of God.

When you join the church you tie yourself up with this institution and become a part of it. Its many millions of members throughout the world; its millions of dollars invested in church building, and hospitals, and mission stations, and schools and colleges, and printing plants; its committees and boards; its officers and leaders everywhere—these become a part of you and you become a part of them, when you join the church.

3. *A relationship to Christ and the higher way of life.* The church is a fellowship of those linked with the Person whom we know as Jesus Christ, the one who is responsible for that higher way of life being in our world. He is the one who, in some way that we find hard to explain, comes into the lives of those of us who become His loyal followers, holds us to our best, steadies us when the moral battle gets hard, and shares with us a power for living that we can find in no other way. Through Him we find a cause to which to give ourselves, some purpose for which to live, a purpose as great as His purpose. Thus in Him and in His church people are empowered to stand for the right. We represent Christ in the eyes of the community and thus have a real responsibility.

What Does Our Church Do?

List on the blackboard the things that your church does in your community. Let these be suggested by different Intermediates. There may be included such items as: holds services of worship, provides preaching, teaches children, cares for the poor, comforts those who are in trouble and sorrow, conducts wedding ceremonies, baptizes children, sends money to missions, draws people together, etc. Does any other organization do any of the same things? Does any other organization do some things better? Would you rather have the church do them than any other group? Why?

What is the record of the church in your community? Taking the territory about a mile from your church in each direction: How many churches are there? How many different denominations? How far are these churches helping the people? How many people do not go to church? What can the church do to improve the community? Are there ways in which we can work together better? What are they? What is the greatest need of our community, which the church can help to meet?

What do you think of the following conclusions? — C. E. Schofield has grouped these thoughts under the heading, "The Mission of the Church."

(1) The church is the only institution in the community that consistently atempts to provide opportunity and calls men and women to worship God. Its very existence in the community is a constant reminder, that "man doth not live by bread alone."

(2) The church is the only institution in the community that consistently attempts to teach religion.

(3) The church is the only institution in the community that ventures to believe that every man, no matter how sadly he may have failed, may have another chance, and sets herself to help men redeem their wasted lives. Outside the church society is organized against the evildoer. The church is the advocate of a proven way to better things.

(4) The church is the only institution in the community that consistently sets itself to challenge men and women to strive for higher ideals and better ways of living. Through her prophetic ministry she constantly calls men to a new dedication to Christ-like living.

(5) The church is the only institution in the average community that really attempts to include all the human elements in the community in one all-inclusive fellowship.

How can you help your church serve your community, or the community in which your church stands? Without you your church will not be complete. You are the reason we have a church. You are the one who can help your church. What kind of a church would your church be if every member were like you?

YOU can come to the church services and bring your own best self with you.

YOU can come eager to learn—Your pastor will feel the inspiration of your eagerness to learn.

YOU can help your church to be a worshipful church and that is one thing any community needs. You can learn this yourself and by practice can help others to learn.

YOU can be friendly—unless you learn this you will miss important opportunities to make your church effective in the community.

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Scripture Portions

M., Sept. 20. Perpetual Presence Promised. I Kings 9:1-3.

T., Sept. 21. Blessings of the House of God. Psalm 84:5-12.

W., Sept. 22. Mutual Helpfulness Enjoined. Heb. 10:24, 25.

T., Sept. 23. Christian Leaders Chosen. Acts 6:1-7.

F., Sept. 24. The Church Bears Fruit. John 15:14-16.

S., Sept. 25. Faithful Unto Death. Rev. 2:8-11.

Sun., Sept. 26. Topic—A Spire in the Community. Amos 5:6-15.

Senior-Young People

— OCTOBER 3 —

Facing Uncertainty

First Topic in a Series on "Faith For Uncertain Times"

Matthew 24:3-13

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

The topic today is of more serious nature than usual. It is the beginning of a series of three on the subject that is most needed in the modern world — faith. *Faith for Uncertain Times.* The very title is captivating. Last month there was a considerable emphasis on the matter of society and personal preparation for a successful year's work. By now the society should be rolling along well. If not, call a planning conference, or an inventory session, to analyze the present needs.

We are ready for some heavier study and discussion. This series breaks into three definite phases, one each week. This will be a good series to have under some *one* person's leadership, or guidance, in order to keep the continuity. This will bring the maximum benefit to all. The first phase, which is today's topic, is to establish an awareness of the uncertainty of the day. There are many areas of bewilderment and insecurity in our contemporary life. The leader should set the pattern for the meeting to come. These following topics will reveal the faith that overcomes uncertainty and challenge youth to share that faith with others. Plan to make a list of the areas of uncertainty and confusion during the meeting. Refer to the Word of God frequently. Look up pertinent statistics. Try to combine the alarms of the daily newspapers with the assurance of the Master's gentle message of hope.

FOOD FOR OUR FAITH

1. Do you think there is much uncertainty in life today? Why?
2. What are the chief causes of this uncertainty?
3. How does world unrest affect the individual?
4. Why would you rather face the facts than run away, or hide them?
5. How does the presence of sin in the world cause uncertainty in our lives?
6. What is the Christian answer to uncertainty? Give Scripture verses to support your answer.
7. How does Christ bring victory to us?
8. What is faith?
9. How can we apply it to our doubts and troubles?
10. How can we personally use faith to bring victory?

Aim of The Topic

1. To try to discover the uncertainties of the modern life.

2. To learn how to meet these.

3. To explore the victories of faith.

Facing The Facts

We do not live in a calm, quiet, well-regulated world. More and more it is evident that the 20th Century has evolved a peculiar kind of tensions and frustrations. Today we seem almost to have reached the climax. "Cold Wars," "Wars on Nerves," etc., are evidences of this. In this first topic of a series that deals with uncertain times and the faith to meet them we must set the stage for the remaining two. Today we must get youth to face the facts in regard to the future. In this atomic age we know not what a day may bring forth. Many people in the world have the feeling that there is no hope at all. To some degree this feeling is gradually creeping across all of the free world. The spirit of defeatism is all too common. Men and nations have thus acquired a spirit of great unrest. One solution after another has been tried and discarded.

In vain men have tried to run aside from militarism and violence. World peace conferences and other "sure-cures" to provide ways of peace have been attempted. Still "wars and rumors of wars" are with us, creeping steadily closer. Men cry peace —and there is no peace. Youth's future is indeed an uncertain thing, judged by those terms.

Confusion Unlimited

This is a distinctly dismal topic, it may be readily noted. According to the wish of the group that devised these topic titles, however, it is necessarily so, in order to present those to follow in the next two weeks. As Endeavorers study and discuss the uncertainty of their times it is like preparing a gold setting for the very precious jewel that is to be displayed. Our "jewel" will be brought forth later in the topic and more completely demonstrated in the weeks to come. Discuss this topic with that in mind.

The crises of the day appear to make the future most unattractive for youth. Plans are upset by forces outside their control. Careers are changed or delayed, marriages are postponed, personal rights are sacrificed, all because of the demands of the military. Frequently the "rumors of wars" are as devastating as wars themselves. In this era of conscription, and especially in a day of atomic threat, the attitude of "What's the use?" has been too common. A prominent educator has said that the attitude of "What the hell-ism" has destroyed student initiative and incentive. With this philosophy, it seems no goal is worth-while, either for good grades, or for a career. Is this true among your circle of friends?

A SEED THOUGHT

"Whirl is King, having driven out Zeus."—Aristophanes. What is the meaning?

Faith For Uncertain Times

If this indeed be an atomic age when we know not what a day will bring forth, we need to be fortified for any emergency. Our problems stem from the things of the spirit, the intangibles. Ideals of communism, desire for unlawful acquisition, selfishness, jealously of position and power, all these are intangibles. Thus we need the things of the spirit, other abstracts, to conquer these threats. *Faith* is the victory.

When the mechanisms of men fail, it is time to lay hold of the Anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure, even while the billows roll. Youth today needs to learn the truth that Jesus taught His disciples, namely, that there is no solution to world unrest apart from faith in Him. Ever since sin entered the world times have been uncertain. It was true in Jesus' day. It is especially true in this day. When the disciples were disturbed about the future, He told them in plain terms that there will be wars and rumors of wars. As long as sin is in the world, and Satan is allowed his influence, there will be trouble.

The real Christian, however, does not despair in the face of uncertain times. The way is not by suicide, not by easy surrender. It is not by drowning our troubles by the things of the world, nor by running away from reality. The Christian faces life with courage and confidence, knowing that the Lord will gain the ultimate victory. Those who are one with Him share that victory regardless of the uncertainty of men. The way out is up!

For Your Quiet Hour

M., Sept. 27. He Is Able. II Tim. 1:12-14.
T., Sept. 28. God's Guidance. Isaiah 30:15-21.
W., Sept. 29. Uncertainty of Life on Earth. James 4:13-15.
T., Sept. 30. Watchfulness. Mark 13:32-37.
F., Oct. 1. Joyful Anticipation. Titus 2:11-14.
S., Oct. 2. Our Eternal Home. II Cor. 5:1-5.
Sun., Oct. 3. Topic—Facing Uncertainty. Matt. 24:3-13.

Denominations Galore!

Second Topic in a Series on "The Church Today"

Psalm 107:1-3; Ephesians 4:1-6

Intermediate

— OCTOBER 3 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aims

1. To get a perspective on the denominations best known.

2. To seek to portray the reason for the growth of denominations.

3. To stress the values in United Protestant action.

Beyond My Church

For this program we're going to leave our particular church, as a special building in which our congregation worships, and ar egoing to think of the word "church" as having a wider meaning than that of our own church building. In your own community and town there must be more than your denomination. Don't you have Methodists, Baptists, Evangelical United Brethren, etc.? Catholic Church. So you who attend the Catholic Church. So you see we just *have* to make our meaning of this word "church" a little bigger. We must make it include not only the great number of church buildings but the many, many people who go to these different places of worship but who still speak of "going to church" just like we do. We must think of this word in its *very* largest meaning—that of Christian people who have fellowship together.

Backgrounds Are Important

Few Christians in the present day can describe the circumstances that gave birth to their particular denomination. Can you? And few can tell precisely how one denomination differs from another. Can you? Here we can only hint at some of the wedges that have been driven between Christians:

1. *Nationality and language*—Some of us belong to churches that are like transplanted shoots of the "old country" from which our immigrant fathers came. German, Dutch, Scottish, Danish and Swedish languages were preserved in these churches, which sprouted in America.

2. *Historical splits over social issues*—At the time of the Civil War there occured tragic divisions between the northern and southern members of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist denominations. When slavery was forgotten, the broken pattern remained, though the Methodists reunited in 1939.

3. *Racial divisions*—You will find racial divisions on all levels of church organization. Some denominations are exclusively Negro in membership. And some predominantly white denominations include divisions made up of Negro churches only. On the congregational level, corresponding to exclusively Negro churches, other churches of the same denomination are strictly, if not constitutionally, white.

4. *Views of church government and ministry*—Important but complex problems persist in this area. Baptists, Congregationalists, and Disciples cherish the liberty of each congregation, so they will have no bishops or required creeds and confessions to govern and bind them. Episcopalians generally believe that their bishops are in direct succession from the twelve apostles of Jesus, so all ministers derive their authority from ordination at the hands of bishops. Quakers wish to have no ministry or formal government at all, since they believe that the Spirit of God will direct them.

Viewpoints Are Important

The *Baptists'* distinctive conception of truth, conflict with error, and contribution to the world all center upon three points: First, the Son of God; secondly, the Word of God; and thirdly, the church of God. To state it concisely, the Baptists advocate th eview, still unique, of the sovereignty of Christ, the supremacy of the Bible, and the spirituality of the church. And in these sublime essential truths the Baptists embody their message to mankind.

The New Testament is emphasized as the rule of faith and practice; that is, in the New Testament Christians find God's directions as to what they are to believe and how they are to live. Baptists believe, with all evangelical groups, the Old Testament to be inspired Scripture, but strongly emphasize the messages of the New Testament.

Baptists regard any attempt to systematize the teachings of the Bible into a written statement of creed to be "adding to the law of God" and so to be avoided.

The *Methodists'* main emphasis is placed on personal religious experience, and this is perhaps the distinguishing feature of Methodist thought and life. Wesley did not ask a man, "Brother, what dost thou believe?" His famous question to individual men was, "Is thine heart right?" Methodists emphasize (though they claim no monoply on these emphases) three things in Christian experience:

1. *Conversion*—the need for a real renewal and rebirth of the moral and spiritual life of the individual, which normally lies dormant or dead.

2. *The Witness of the Spirit*—a personal assurance and conviction of God's love for the individual that leads him to say, "I know whom I have believed . . . ."

3. *Sanctification*—a life wholly committed to the will of God, where the whole personality and character is surrendered to the Lordship of Christ.

This is largely the belief of the Evangelical United Brethren and other methodistic type churches.

Presbyterians

The Presbyterians, with almost all other Protestant churches, hold that the entire Bible is to be regarded by Christians as their authority in matters of faith and action. It is also Presbyterian belief that the teachings of Scripture fit together into a complete picture of what man is to believe concerning God and what God expects of His children. Presbyterians hold that the mode of baptism is not of supreme importance, so long as it is administered in a reverent manner. They believe that each man deals directly with God and needs no priest or any other go-between. They contend that each individual must have freedom to study the Scriptures to come to his own convictions in matters of faith. Presbyterians also believe in the separation of Church and State.

Episcopalians

The Episcopalians give allegiance to all the great central Christian truths expressed in such creeds as the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed. They believe (1) the Scriptures to be the final authority in matters of faith; (2) that salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ; (3) that there are only two sacraments (baptism and the Lord's Supper); (4) in freedom of conscience and individual responsibility to God; (5) and in the unity of the Church. Their beliefs are expressed in what is commonly referred to as "The Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion."

Many Small Denominations

Of the 253 denominations in the United States 200 are smaller groups. Many of these denominations have had a great influence for good in the world. Indeed, often they have been the actual cause of saving Christianity itself. They have grown

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For Daily Meditation

M., Sept. 27. Blessedness of Unity. Psalm 133.
T., Sept. 28. The Church's One Foundation. Matt. 16:18-18.
W., Sept. 29. Christ the Head. Col. 1:14-18.
T., Sept. 30. One Body in Christ. Rom. 12:4, 5.
F., Oct. 1. Built Up in Christ. Eph. 2:19-22.
S., Oct. 2. Various Gifts of Members. I Cor. 12:1-7.
Sun., Oct. 3. Topic—Denominations Galore! Psalm 107:1-3; Eph. 4:1-6.

FOR DISCUSSION

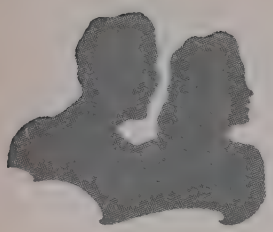
1. What is the Church? Is it the congregation? Is it the denomination? What is the "invisible Church?"

2. How did it start? Did Jesus organize the Church? How did the church organization develop? How important is the Church as an organization?

3. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Upon this rock I will build my church?"

4. What is it doing? How can we judge what the Church is doing? What is the Church's main job? How does it maintain the Christian fellowship? How does it spread the Christian fellowship?

5. Can we stake our lives on the Church? Why should we ask that question? How has the Church weathered attacks throughout history? What are the enemies of the Church today? Will the Church win out?



Senior-Young People

— OCTOBER 10 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Faith to Conquer Uncertainty

Second Topic in a Series on "Faith For Uncertain Times"

Romans 8:31-39; I Corinthians 15:55-58

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

The leader of the meeting today has a somewhat easier job than last week. In that first topic in a series of three on the subject, *Faith For Uncertain Times,* the problems and uncertainties of the day were presented. This topic is designed to reveal the answer to the problem. *Faith To Conquer Uncertainty* is the key to success. Last week it was suggested that a list of the areas of uncertainty of this era be made. Tonight take that list and write after it the answers that faith offers. It may be well to have one leader or "overseer" for all three of these topics to bring each into its relative focus. Have the Endeavorers search the current newspapers for items that indicate the confusion, pessimism and fear of the day. Then for each of these have them produce a verse or more of Scripture that would solve the problem. Make this a meeting for using Bibles, a time of spiritual enrichment. It may answer some of the deep needs of your own group. Few people, especially those who are younger, explore the possibilities of faith in God. Let this meeting emphasize above all that faith is the victory that overcometh the world.

Aim of The Topic

1. To learn how faith can conquer the uncertainties of modern living.

2. To explore further the victories that faith makes possible.

Facing The Facts

Last week we considered together the unlimited amount of confusion and uncertainty in our world today. Most of that topic was given over to establishing the reality of this situation. Youth was asked to face the facts about the world into which they have been born. We seem to have nearly reached the climax of uncertainty. The world appears to have a gigantic case of the "jitters." No one knows where or when the next blow will be struck against normalcy, or by whom. Along with the grim facts that are difficult to face youth may also take into account some more encouraging assurances. There is a power available that is greater than any problem. A higher wisdom than ours and an insuperable power is immediately at hand. Christ says, "My grace is sufficient for thee." (II Corinthians 12:9.) He has assured us that He will not try us above that we are able to bear. Align this fact with the problems.

A SEED THOUGHT
"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."
(Philippians 4:13.)

Power Unlimited

The familiar hymn says, "Faith is the victory that overcomes the world." This is the testimony of everyone who has ever put God to the test. This faith must not be centered in ourselves, in finite man, in human government, or in anything that is subject to human whims or weaknesses. It must be centered upon the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. No lesser power is sufficient. When our souls are anchored in Him, the elements which issue in uncertainty, such as tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, etc., will not long disturb us. In Him we are "more than conquerors" of these things and of all that is created by man's folly. Our hope of ultimate victory over sin, death and hell is anchored in Christ's resurrection. Even though there will be wars and "rumors of wars," His entrance into Heaven has assured every believing child of victory. The things of the flesh are limited and of little lasting importance. The things of the soul, of eternity, are forever vital. In these God gives us victory, as well as in the lesser things of physical life. This note of triumph in the midst of uncertain world conditions needs to be sounded among the youth of the land. Let it ring forth from this very meeting tonight. Faith offers power, and promise, and peace.

Faith For Uncertain Times

Another beloved hymn tells us, "Christ is the answer to all our problems, He holds the key to the whole wide world—." The times are uncertain, we know. Countless questions are raised each day. But Christ is the answer! The greater the challenge, or the need, the more faith we must exercise.

All who have experienced trouble or illness, all who have known defeat and frustration can look to Him for ultimate victory. In the words of Scripture we can say, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." (II Timothy 1:12.) We can entrust our very lives into His keeping.

We do acts of such sublime faith in outward circumstances each day. Whether it be the planting of a seed or bulb, or whether it be the entrusting ourselves into the hands of an engineer or pilot, it is an act of faith. When we commit our very lives and health to a surgeon, or our economic structure to a lawyer, it is an act of faith. Every contract, or ticket, every dialing of the telephone, every use of television or radio represents abundant faith—in something or someone outside ourselves. If we can so trust in human beings or mechanical devices, why can we not transfer this calm faith to our Heavenly Father who has already proven Himself able. He says "*All* power is given unto Me in Heaven and in Earth." (Matthew 28:18.)

Perhaps the reason we do not more readily adventure into new victories of faith is because we try to human-ize God. Perhaps without actually realizing it we will not acknowledge that God can do something that we ourselves cannot do. His power is limitless and He shares it with us by faith. Paul reminds us in II Corinthians 3, "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God." There is the answer to uncertainty and confusion. "Let not your hearts be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." (John 14:1.) How does this relate itself to verses 13-15 of the same chapter? And to verse 19B? Let us rest our faith in Jesus' own promise, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." The Christian thus faces life with courage and confidence that the Lord will gain the ultimate victory. Believe in Him, and live!

FOOD FOR OUR FAITH

1. What do we mean "Faith is the victory that overcomes the world?"
2. What are the areas of uncertainty today?
3. What is most uncertain about our future?
4. How can God provide the answer to this uncertainty?
5. What is the greatest assurance of Christ's teaching?
6. Is there more uncertainty today or in some other period of history?
7. In what way is the Bible a "lamp unto our path?"
8. How can youth save other youth from this modern confusion?
9. What is faith?
10. How can we share our faith?

Daily Bible Readings

M., Oct. 4. Continuing in the Faith. Col. 1:23-29.
T., Oct. 5. Abounding Hope in Him. Rom. 15: 13.
W., Oct. 6. Looking Unto Jesus. Heb. 12:1, 2.
T., Oct. 7. Trust in the Lord. Prov. 3:1-7.
F., Oct. 8. Strength in the Lord. Isaiah 40:28-31.
S., Oct. 9. Victory by Faith. I John 5:1-5.
Sun., Oct. 10. Topic—Faith to Conquer Uncertainty. Rom. 8:31-39; I Cor. 15:55-58.

What's In A Name?

First Topic in a Series on "Timely Questions"

Proverbs 22:1-11

Intermediate

— OCTOBER 10 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aims

1. To learn the value of a good name.
2. To sense that a good name must be earned.
3. To see how Christ gives a person's name worth and meaning.

A Good Name

What's in a name? Some say that there is nothing in a name; others say that there is everything in a name. Who is right? Well, it depends very largely upon what is meant by the term, name. If we mean the title by which a person is known, then there is little value in a name. But if we mean the character of a person, then there is great value in a name. "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold."

Solomon assures us that we should be more careful to do that by which we may get and keep a good name, than that by which we may raise and increase a great estate. A fool and a knave may be called by a great name; he may possess uncounted riches, but his reputation is gone and his character is lost.

When Mr. J. P. Morgan was a witness before the Congressional Committee he was asked, "Is not commercial credit based primarily upon money or property?" "No, sir," Mr. Morgan replied. "The first thing is character." "Before money or property?" "Before money or anything else. Money cannot buy it." He then amplified and buttressed his remarks by saying: "I know men who have nothing, and yet can borrow all the money they want, because people believe in them. Men have come into my office who, I knew, had not a cent in the world, and I have given them a check for a million dollars."

Surely Solomon was right. The unscrupulous man is worth only the market value of his fortune. The man of character is worth the market value of his fortune, plus the credit value of his character; and that is often ten times as much.

Lying Lips

Your name is one of your most valuable possessions. That is why slander is a legal offense. When convicts are committed to prison, their names are taken from them and they are given a number instead.

Lying Robs Men of Their Good Names

Satan's art and subtlety are displayed more successfully in lying than in any other way, because he is the "father of lies." The devil covers up the vile and poisonous aspect of a falsehood and makes it appear so plausible and so intermingled with truth, and it is indulged in from such a good motive by the human that he is befogged in his estimate of right and wrong. The man's conscience becomes seared with frivolous or shrewd excuses and he drifts into eternity as if in a "boat load of lies." But God does not make a catalogue of lies, nor discriminates as to the punishment for lying. "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord." "All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." Little lies and big lies, white lies and black lies, are all the same in God's sight.

The Respect of Men

The Apostle Paul writing to the Romans exhorts as follows: "Let not their good be evil spoken of. For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God and *approved of men.*" In other words a sincerely religious person has both the approval of God and of men. Experience has verified conclusively this statement of the great apostle. The wickedest sinner, the most self-righteous egotist admires and commends the true consistent Christian. He despises the hypocrite but respects the genuinely religious person. Among all the rewards of religion this is one of the sweetest, to feel as we grow older, that we have been enabled so to live, by God's grace, as to have won the confidence and esteem and respect of our fellow-men.

How To Obtain a Good Name

To obtain a good name we must assume a right attitude toward self, others, and God.

1. *"He that shall humble himself shall be exalted."* Matthew 23:12. The Master assures us that if we would secure for ourselves a good name we must be humble. Humility leads to exaltation. If we would rise in the estimation of the people we must first bow at the throne of humility. Pride is an enemy to a good name and vain glory is a reproach to any people. Some one has said, "The best way to achieve a good name is never to think of it, but to go ahead doing one's duty in whatever sphere one may be."

2. *"Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."* Matthew 7:12. This rule is golden to those who would seek for themselves a good name. We should do for others what we would appreciate done for ourselves. We should say about others what we would like to have others say about us. We should be to others what we would enjoy others to be to us. We should never tag a bad name to any one. Our judgment may be wrong. To have people honor us, we must do what is worthy of honor—that is, we must serve our fellowmen as we would wish them to serve us.

3. *"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart."* Matthew 22:37. To secure a good name for ourselves we must assume a right attitude toward God. This is the Alpha and Omega of any good name. God must have first place in our lives, Christ must be pre-eminent in our hearts, and the Holy Spirit must be the inspiration of all our conduct, if we seek for ourselves a good name. So many fail here. God is left out of their character, and when the test comes, refuge fails, for they know not where to go for deliverance. The key word for a good name is "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

Our good name is also a priceless thing, which, lost, may never be recovered. It should be guarded with all possible care. Shakespeare says: "He who robs me of my good name, takes that which not enriches him, but makes me poor indeed."

A good name, when built upon the eternal principle of truth, is able to withstand any force that may come against it. Such a character inspires within its owner a confidence that causes him to stand calm and unmoved in the midst of the greatest trials. It is built to stand.

LEARN BY ASKING

1. Which is easier, to lose a good name, or to gain a good name after it is once lost? Why?
2. By what names did the Pharisees call Jesus? By what names did the disciples call Jesus? Who was right? Why?
3. Think of the names by which people are sometimes called in derision. Dare Christians speak lightly of anyone?
4. What causes people to lose respect for the personality of another?
5. List the names by which Jesus was called. Why has He been able to lay claim to all these names? Which name do you feel has the most meaning for today's youth? Why?
6. For what do these names stand: Moses; David; Solomon; Hosea; Peter; Paul; Timothy; John the Baptist? Explain.
7. How can Christian youth gain respect of others?
8. If a nickname does not tell the truth about a person how can it be changed?
9. What name in your community stands for Christian character and leadership?

From The Book of Books

M., Oct. 4. Abram Becomes Abraham. Gen. 17:1-8.
T., Oct. 5. Sarai Becomes Sarah. Gen. 17:15, 16.
W., Oct. 6. Jacob Becomes Israel. Gen. 32:24-30.
T., Oct. 7. Gideon Becomes Jerubbaal. Judges 6:28-32.
F., Oct. 8. The Naming of John the Baptist. Luke 1:57-64.
S., Oct. 9. The Greatest Name. Matt. 1:21.
Sun., Oct. 10. Topic—What's In a Name? Prov. 22:1-11.

Senior-Young People

— OCTOBER 17 —

The Christian Shares Hi Faith

Third Topic in a Series on "Faith For Uncertain Times"

Acts 3:1-11

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.

Study the Bible selections given.

Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Today we conclude the series of three topics that has been entitled "Faith For Uncertain Times." It has given us the opportunity of analytically considering our own modern age and of weighing the problems and uncertainties the age has produced. In this closing topic, "The Christian Shares His Faith," obviously the leader has to lift the sights of the members. Point out that all the young Endeavorers are in constant contact with others who know Him not. If one has faith, and if that possession is the answer to the world's problems, it becomes his social and religious duty to make it known to them.

In a real sense this is a missionary meeting, for we consider witnessing and winning for Him. We may put the emphasis on evangelism if that be the greater interest. It can be on the supreme Christian service of witnessing to others. The leader has the opportunity of leading other young people to the only real source of happiness and serenity, the Lord Jesus Christ. Try to relate this topic to the last two, for one leads to the other. This one is part of the answer to those preceding it.

Aim of The Topic

1. To show that the answer to today's uncertainty is Jesus Christ.

2. To emphasize the importance of a personal witness.

Facing The Facts

This we have done for the past two weeks. First we confronted the grim reality of the bewilderment of our age. Men grope in darkness. They seek the light and recognize it not. Last week we beheld the equally great reality that Christ is the answer. Faith is once and forever the key. Today let us face with open minds and hearts the fact that we are not fully sharing the answer *that we already have.*

"Christ is the answer
To all of our problems - - -."

Thus we sing, and thus we believe. But what are we doing about applying that answer? An antiseptic does not destroy bacteria until it is applied. Medicine does not begin to treat the ill until it is taken. So the answer to a problem does not begin its curative process until that answer is placed in direct alignment with the source of concern. Jesus, the Christ, the Promise of God, cannot help the spiritual illness of man or nations of men until they are told about Him. His love and power must be spelled out, lovingly and patiently, to whosoever is "uncertain," or who is "certainly lost."

Faith For Uncertain Times

Faith is the answer, but the one who is grouping in uncertainty must know in what, or better yet in Whom, to place his faith. "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10: 14.) Truly faith would provide help, faith in the redeeming Christ would bring life victorious and eternal. But many do not know this! They cannot have the opportunity of laying hold upon the victory offered unless some one says "This is the way." We Christians believe in God's Word and we readily turn to it forgetting that others do not recognize it as worthy of such trust. We read in it, "Faith coming by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Romans 10: 17.) Does this not give us a clue to our task? Obviously we who believe must share the Word, must take the Gospel, to the many around us who have never been told of it. Our personal witness may be simple, indeed it *must* be simple to be effective, but it must be steadfast and consistent. Let's tell those about us, at school, or work, on dates or at play, of a Savious who saves. Let's witness to His loving help by our words—and be very sure that the witness of our lives and habits and deeds supports what we say!

"The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10: 8, 9.) Yes, the Word that will save others is indeed in our very hearts, it is literally on the tips of our tongues. We need only to give release to that urge to help others, and *tell forth* the story of our Saviour. We need to tell others of the power of prayer, of the wondrous guidance given by the Bible. It is a privilege and duty to introduce our God to others. But we must *do* it! Knowing about it is not enough. Thinking of telling others does no good; even *intending* sometime to be a personal witness has no present value. The time is now! We must do it today, lest tomorrow be too late. The Christian shares his faith.

Challenge Unlimited

There is no limit to the possibilities when a person trusts God enough to become a witness for Him. The greatest thrills of the world are open to him. When a society or church or union determines to emphasize an aggressive program of Evangelism or Missions, it begins then to do its greatest work. It thus helps those who look to it for guidance in the deepest and most lasting way. It begins to fulfill its greatest purpose. No program in the work of the Kingdom of God, be it in Church or Christian Endeavor, is complete without a practical method of sharing our precious faith. This is the heart of Christianity.

Let more Christian Endeavor unions follow the example of the splendid North Carolina Union, where this topic is being prepared. The theme of the day, and in the heart of every active Endeavorer, is "Forward With Christ—Through Personal Witness." Surely this is the way we may best go forward with Him, for He Himself gave us the Great Commission "Go ye therefore and teach all nations—teaching them to observe *all* things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you—." (Matthew 28: 19, 20.) He thus promises His own presence with us as we share our faith. Is it not worth it?

A SEED THOUGHT

"We only truly have of the Gospel what we share."

FOOD FOR OUR FAITH

1. What are the greatest areas of uncertanty today?

2. What is the cause of this uncertainty and trouble?

3. How can faith be the answer to these problems?

4. How can people know about this answer?

5. In what are we to have faith?

6. Do we sincerely believe that Christ and His Gospel are the sufficient answers to the needs of the world? Why or why not?

7. How can we share our faith as individuals?

8. How can we share this faith through Christian Endeavor or other organizations?

9. Would a program of visitation evangelism be possible in your society? Describe how it could be done.

10. Why must a Christian share his faith to be fully Christian?

From The Book of Books

M., Oct. 11. Light for All. Isaiah 60:1-3.
T., Oct. 12. Sharing Through Prayer. James 5:13-20.
W., Oct. 13. The Present Need. John 4:35-38.
T., Oct. 14. A Faithful Witness. John 4:39-42.
F., Oct. 15. Disseminating Faith. Rom. 10:13-17.
S., Oct. 16. Lord of All Peoples. Psalm 96: 1-10.
Sun., Oct. 17. Topic—The Christian Shares His Faith. Acts 3:1-11.

Are Cliques Christian?

Second Topic in a Series on "Timely Questions"

I Corinthians 1:10-25

Intermediate

— OCTOBER 17 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aims

1. To see why cliques develop.
2. To see the effects of cliques in school and church.
3. To gain a Christian concept of co-operation.

We Want To Belong

Let's imagine that it's Friday afternoon. School is just out, and you with your class friend Jane start gaily home. On the school steps you meet Ann and Sam and Bill and others chatting in a group. They signal loudly and the two of you go over to join in the discussion of the events of the day—that terrific Latin test, or the assembly program, or the outcome of the class elections. Soon the group begins to scatter—but not for long.

"See you tonight!"

"Meeting at my house this time."

"Dad said I could have the car!"

"Seven-thirty sharp. 'Bye."

Any number of things might be in the offing. Maybe you are all coming back to school for a basketball game. No doubt Bill or Sam will be playing. Perhaps there's a good play you plan to see. Maybe you'll just get together at Ann's house to listen to records or simply to talk. Conversation is never slow. Whatever the plans are, you'll have a good time, for you're with the "crowd." Just being with the crowd is fun in itself. You enjoy the same things, you like the same people—you just "belong." And the feeling of belonging is a very satisfying and good feeling.

This group of yours which you enjoy so much—is having a good time its only thought or are there other considerations? What about the larger groups of which you are a part—your school and your community? By your attitudes and your actions, do you as a group contribute to their welfare?

"Well," I can hear you say, "What do you mean? How can we contribute?"

Discuss these questions honestly.

Cliques Are Easily Developed

This existence of social crowds or cliques is a very definite feature not only of young people's life, but of society in general. It is entirely natural. Congenial people—those who have the same likes and dislikes—are naturally drawn together. And what gives a person more pleasure than being with congenial friends?

But we may as well face it. Cliques are poison to any young people's society. They stunt the growth, hamper the intended ministry of the society, and thwart the purpose of God in the life of the church. The insidious thing about it is that in most instances the group is entirely unaware that such a condition exists.

A crack will soon appear in the structure of a Christian Endeavor society when the group divides into cliques. The purpose of the organization will soon be defeated.

Small groups are like a bed of heavenly blue morning glories that have no trellis on which to climb. They entwine themselves around one another until they are hopelessly tangled. They become nothing more than a mat or dwarfed growth.

Fellowship can't be broad and satisfying with cliques in an organization. It can't be acquired with snobs holding forth. It isn't Christlike. It isn't the way to start cultivating the peace of God that passeth all understanding.

Snobbery and selfishness can sooner or later defeat a Christian Endeavor's fine purpose. Many times young people who are strangers in a city seek a Christian Endeavor hoping to fill a void in their hearts. They can't exactly analyze their feelings, but they instinctly feel a church has that something they need. In fact, they expect a church, through its Christian Endeavor to have that something. An organization like the Christian Endeavor can do a fine service for God and the church if it is united in fellowship and deeds.

When a Christian Endeavor is divided into cliques some will be made to feel unwelcome. Feeling excluded may cut them deeply.

What Can We Do About Cliques?

"But," you say, "what can we *do* about it?"

Either as a preventive measure, or to break up actual tendencies toward unhealthy introversion, the following suggestions are offered. They may serve to insure your group against "freezing" newcomers, help to promote a genial air of fellowship, and assist in making your youth organization a vital force in the life of your church.

1. *The Bible.* First solution is the Bible. And the Bible is the foundation for the second. This second is a social guide called a book of etiquette.

It is said that you can find an answer to any problem in the Bible. Here's one on etiquette (Proverbs 2:11): "Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee." Here's one on friends (Proverbs 18:19): "Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: So doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel."

Etiquette is based on kindness. It goes hand in hand with the teachings of the Bible.

2. *Cultivate a friendly society.* Remember at the outset—a spirit of friendliness has to be cultivated. It doesn't just happen. Don't be discouraged if you do not see immediate results.

One youth society has a committee of official "greeters" at the door each Sunday evening long before the meeting is scheduled to begin. These young people, a fellow and girl, welcome all who come, secure names and addresses of those attending for the first time, direct the way to the youth room and in general promote a spirit of cordiality. Sometimes they hand out attractive cards telling about the interesting activities of their society and inviting the reader to get in on the good times. As often as possible they introduce strangers to other young people, who take over from there, arranging to sit with them.

Friendliness is contagious. If the leaders of your group realize the importance of being friendly, and really *practice* it, soon everyone will be doing the same thing. A good motto for your youth organization might be, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly . . . ." (Read Proverbs 17:17; 18:24).

The group might discuss the value of charm and good manners.

What is a gracious manner? Is dignity an admirable trait?

Do you believe fun can be had developing charm?

Arrange a Panel

This is a topic of great interest to young people. Most Intermediates feel the pressure of cliques. Hence arrange a panel of members to express their feelings on the subject.

Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman says: "You know that getting along with other people is at the same time the most necessary thing we have to learn in this world, and the hardest."

Discuss basic rules for getting along with others:

1. *Avoid fault finding*
2. *Cultivate tact and kindliness*
3. *Cultivate a sense of humor*
4. *Overcome envy and sensitivity*
5. *Show an appreciation for people*
6. *Seek to be honest and dependable*

Proceed on the basis that if you will manage your relationships with others on the basis of the Golden Rule you will have little difficulty in getting along harmoniously with normal people.

The panel will meet in advance of the meeting and work out informally its give and take procedures to make the discussion have meaning. Let the whole society share in giving reactions. The leader will bring a summary such as the above.

Daily Bible Readings

M., Oct. 11. A House Divided. Luke 11:17.
T., Oct. 12. Cliques in Corinth. I Cor. 3:1-9.
W., Oct. 13. Divisions Lead to Other Sin. II Cor. 12:20.
T., Oct. 14. A Call to Unity. II Cor. 3:11.
F., Oct. 15. Of One Mind. I Peter 3:8, 9.
S., Oct. 16. Unity of the Spirit. Eph. 4:1-6.
Sun., Oct. 17. Topic—Are Cliques Christian? I Cor. 1:10-25.

Senior-Young People

— OCTOBER 24 —

A Channel of Thy Peace

Luke 8:23-26; Matthew 15:24-27
(World Order Sunday)

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

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Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

As we begin to venture further into the fall schedule our sights should be raised higher and higher. A new program is doubtless under way by now, perhaps new officers are beginning their duties. New vision of greater tasks should be the experience of every Endeavorer, especially as he has the sacred privilege of leading a Christian Endeavor devotional meeting. Let this not be taken lightly. On this *World Order Sunday* let there be a beginning of better programs in Christian Endeavor. Take stock of past achievements and future needs.

Special emphasis should be given from time to time to the little "box" in the upper left hand corner of the topic material. Many leaders have expressed appreciation for these brief and concise instructions in the matter of preparing a topic. Let every leader read it over carefully before preparing his topic, then try to check his own methods and preparation. Each detail of these instructions is important and will aid in setting up the kind of meeting we earnestly desire. Our Master asks that each one do his best.

For *World Order Sunday* ask the pastor if he has any particular plans or suggestions for its observance. Strive to gear into the program of the local church and of your own denomination.

Aim of The Topic

1. To discover how our world can best be "ordered" by the way of Christ.

2. To study how the Cross can be the way to real peace.

Channels of Peace

Every man would be a channel of peace if he could. There is inherent in each of God's creatures the desire to help. In the larger field, each of us would give his life gladly if it could bring a lasting peace to the world. No price is too great for such a blessing, we think. Well may we pray for whatever leadership we have to be used as a means of peace. A spirit of greater brotherhood in the world would save so many heartbreaks, it would save untold billions of dollars now being spent on armaments. Truly wars and rumors of wars are the greatest "bleeders" of modern life. And "rumors of wars" are just about as costly in dollars as the real thing! Our personal lives can be channels of peace, our churches can point the way. In Christian Endeavor both societies and unions can find their places of usefulness. How are we praying in this regard? What are we doing?

The Greater Peace

God's Word tells us of "the peace of God which passeth all understanding." (Philippians 4: 7.) This is a thing of the spirit. Assuredly this is something greater than a mere cessation of active warfare between two or more hostile nations. The true peace, that which no man can take from another, is of God. Man can tell other men of a God who cares, of a Saviour who redeems, of a life ineffiable that brings man into the very presence of his Lord. He can share his faith with another until a new life of faith is begun. However, only God can give the peace. "Sweet peace, the gift of God's love," we sing. We seek it with all our hearts.

This is the peace that can never be dissipated or weakened. It can overcome all trouble and all temptations. It is not subject to changes of world conditions or the follies of human leadership. It is not weakened by the errors of mankind. This is of God! Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: Not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14: 27.)

The Way To Peace

Again, Jesus Himself said, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." (Matthew 16: 24.) To carry a cross today means that we will be willing to share hardships of our own, and for others, all in His Name. We are channels of God's peace when we become willing to do our share in advancing God's Kingdom on Earth, *in whatever way He may lead us.* According to the light and guidance given to each one, we must find *our* part in the Kingdom enterprise. Are we willing to bear a cross? Honestly? Hod do we pray? Do we truly ask God to give us a cross to bear for Him, or do we pray Him to spare us this burden? Do we ask to have a cross to bear for another or do we impose our weight on others already burdened? Are we burdens or blessings? Do we really want to have God use us in a way of sacrifice, in order to bring the fulfillment of Christ's Mission? These questions we must face honestly if we would be channels of God's peace.

Our organizational programs can likewise be examined. What is their purpose? What is their content and worth? Are we sincerely willing as Christian Endeavor organizations to serve and sacrifice, even suffer, in order to ever be channels for God's grace?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is "World Order Sunday?"
2. How can the world best be "ordered," or disciplined?
3. What hope do we have for world peace?
4. What is the source of peace that never fails?
5. How can our society be a channel of God's peace?
6. How can we as individuals be channels of God's blessing and grace?
7. What is "the peace that passeth understanding"?
8. How does Jesus leave His "peace" with us?
9. How can we attain it?
10. Discuss the Prayer by St. Francis of Assisi. What are the meanings of the various petitions?

Prayer by St. Francis of Assisi
(1182 - 1226)

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hate, may I bring love;
Where offense, may I bring pardon;
May I bring union in place of discord;
Truth, replacing error;
Faith where once there was doubt;
Hope, for despair;
Light, where was darkness;
Joy to replace sadness.
Make me not to so crave to be loved as to love.
Help me to learn that in giving I may receive;
In forgetting self, I may find life eternal.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Make me a blessing O Saviour I pray —"

Bible References

M., Oct. 18. Listen to God. Psalm 85:5-13.
T., Oct. 19. God's Power to Bring Peace. Psalm 46:8-11.
W., Oct. 20. Exhortation to Peace. Heb. 12:12-15.
T., Oct. 21. Principles of Peace. I Peter 3:8-12.
F., Oct. 22. Peace Through Trust. Isaiah 26:1-4.
S., Oct. 23. The Peace of Christ. John 14:25-27.
Sun., Oct. 24. Topic—A Channel of Thy Peace. Luke 8:23-26; Matt. 15:24-27. (World Order Sunday)

Courageous Christian Women

First Topic in a Series on "Some Of The Undefeated"

Mark 12:41-44; Acts 16:14, 15; Mark 14:3-9

Intermediate

— OCTOBER 24 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aims

1. To look at New Testament and later Christian women whose names will live forever.

2. To see what made these women courageous.

3. To be willing to do extra deeds for Christ.

Throughout the centuries courageous women continue to pour out their lives in service and sacrifice for others—uncomplainingly hiding their own heartaches, sorrows and secret aspirations. They fill their days with countless deeds of love—smiling, cheering, comforting, encouraging. Theirs is a complex and, too often, a thankless job, yet the "women who triumph over the bitter things of life, who face the vital realities of life squarely and quietly, set an example for their children that nothing in the world can ever efface."

Mary

The best known woman of all times is Mary, the mother of Jesus. In her is embodied all the noblest and best of motherhood. Blessed among women, she was chosen to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour. Bravely bearing the suffering and shame inflicted by misunderstanding friends and relatives, pondering all things in her heart, she proudly watched her Son grow "in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."

As a woman she was highly favored, "Hail, thou that art highly favored." She was a woman of great faith, for she "pondered many things in her heart." She was a woman of great devotion, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." She was a woman of great sacrificial love, for "there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother."

The greatness of a woman's life is not measured by what she does herself so much as it is measured by what she does for others, especially the influence and direction she is able to give to her children. The names of many mothers are remembered by the lives of faithful and worthy sons. Mary was a great encouragement to her son Jesus, and He touches humanity at a great advantage ground because He had a good mother.

Mary of Bethany

Mary of Bethany did a gracious "extra" deed. Her motive was pure. She placed Christ ahead of all personal or financial consideration. She brought her "flowers for the living" and Jesus commended her for it.

In the lesson recorded in Luke 10:38-42, Jesus' lesson in hospitality made it clear that the successful host is the one who gives himself rather than a lot of food to his guest. The main object of the guest in making a visit is presumably to see his host rather than to fill his stomach with his host's food. Mary recognized this and gave herself up to friendly conversation with Jesus rather than to hurried "anxious" effort to accumulate "many things" for Him to eat. On the level of life on which Jesus lived friendship was always the main consideration. Persons are more than things, and Mary chose that good part, "which shall not be taken away from her."

Dorcas

Dorcas means beauty and grace. As we read the account of her life (Acts 9:32-43) we are led to believe that she truly lived up to the meaning of her name. She was full of good works and almsdeeds. After her death the friends at Joppa mourned their loss. It is well to remember a friend after death, but it is much better "to say it with flowers" to the living. Our names will be remembered through deeds of loving service.

On a Shrewsbury tombstone in England is this inscription:

"For the Lord Jesus Christ's sake
Do all the good you can,
To all the people you can,
In all the ways you can,
As long as ever you can."

The Poor Widow

The poor widow is often spoken of as "The Largest Giver." Jesus observed what people were putting into the offering. What would people say today, if the preacher followed the ushers along and observed the nickels and dimes we indifferently toss into the offering? What we choose to give is an index to our characters.

Lydia

Lydia was an early business woman. Today their number is legion. In that day, she was the exception. Many women in business today feel they have no time for religion. Lydia, though wealthy and successful, was still religious and gave generously of her time and opened her home to the work of Christ. She is an example to modern women in business.

Eunice

Great families are proud of their noble ancestry. To belong to a great and illustrious house is no small privilege. To inherit centuries of history and noble traditions, and stand possessed of all the advantages which they confer, is a prize to be desired. Some cannot trace a noble ancestry back more than one, two, or three generations, but the mother and the grandmother may have been some of God's noble women. The mother of Timothy was a woman of faith, and so was his grandmother, and there can be no doubt that he was led into his faith by the woman who gave him birth, for we are told that from a child he knew the Holy Scriptures. II Timothy 1:5.

Puritan Christian Women

Now let us move forward many centuries, to the beginnings of our own country. See the Puritan woman as she faces with courage the dangers of a new world. Her life was stripped of all but the bare necessities, but her love and trust in God were great, and she found Him to be sufficient to meet her every need.

From the cradles of these early American homes arose mighty men, men destined to shape the future of a new world. Full indeed, were the lives of these colonial mothers as they nursed, protected, and taught their happy brood, teaching them not only to read and write, but also to fear and honor God.

Pioneer Women

Slowly civilization made its way across the broad expanse of our country. With it moved the pioneer women, mothers with fortitude and bravery equal to that of the men. Mothers with a vision of the country this was to become. "No life of ease was theirs, but with axe and hoe, they took their places beside their men. Content to work hard, keep 'the home fires burning' and teach their children the Christian doctrine, their forebears rise up to call them blessed." It was of such a mother, Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

Courageous Women Today

Do we have women today with the calibre of these pioneers of the past? It is true that many "modern mothers" fail to measure up to the ideals we have set for motherhood, but there are still hundreds of Christian mothers throughout the world today—mothers that are called upon daily for courage, self-sacrifice, love and service to others.

PONDER ON THESE QUESTIONS

1. What do we honor in womanhood?

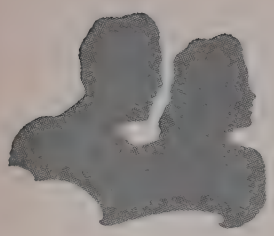
2. Can smoking and drinking women today gain respect of youth?

3. Plan a project for honoring the helpful Christian women in your church.

4. Make a code of ideal womanhood.

Find These In Your Bible

M., Oct. 18. Unselfish Ruth. Ruth 1:16, 17.
T., Oct. 19. Praying Hannah. I Sam. 1:11.
W., Oct. 20. Patriotic Esther. Esther 4:14-17.
T., Oct. 21. Faithful Dorcas. Acts 9:36-42.
F., Oct. 22. Women Serve Christ. Matt. 27:54-56.
S., Oct. 23. Women First at the Tomb. Luke 23:55-21:1.
Sun., Oct. 24. Topic—Courageous Christian Women. Mark 12:41-44; Acts 16:14, 15; Mark 14:3-9.



Senior-Young People

— OCTOBER 31 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Luther, the Reformer

First Topic in a Series on "Keepers Of The Faith"

Matthew 3:7-12
(Reformation Sunday)

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

This topic is the first in a series of three on *Keepers of the Faith*. Today we study the life and contributions of Martin Luther, in observance of Reformation Sunday. In the next two weeks we will study about William Tyndale and David Livingston, other great heroes of the faith.

Make this a real study of this important man. Try to secure books on his life. If possible, have others look up information on him before the meeting. Present a word picture of this great leader of the Protestant Reformation. Let this be a "learning meeting" rather than entirely a discussion.

Aim of The Topic

1. To become better acquainted with Martin Luther.

2. To understand the reasons for the Reformation.

His Background

Martin Luther was born at Eisleben, Mansfield, in Thuringia on November 10, 1483. His father, Hans Luther, was a slate-cutter by trade. He was determined that his son, Martin, be a lawyer, and sent him to fine schools to educate him along these lines. He received his master's degree in 1505. While in high school at Erfurt, the preaching of the town's pastor Weisemann, made a deep impression upon his mind. Luther sought in vain for a whole Bible but could only get portions to read. A dangerous illness, the death of a dear friend, and other circumstances, so touched his sensitive nature that he decided to become a monk, despite his father and family. He entered the Augustinian convent at Erfurt in June, 1505, but spent his first years of monastic life in a fierce mental struggle. He found a whole Bible, and read it, but it did not bring him peace. Both his studies and his private scripture readings burnt into him the feeling of universal human sinfulness. He lived a severe life, inventing new forms of penance, and self-punishment, but all the while his heart and mind told him that outward acts would never banish sin.

Luther became an ordained priest in 1507 and the next year was appointed professor in the University of Wittenberg. He gave Biblical lectures at the University. His marvelous eloquence attracted great crowds of hearers. In 1511 he went to Rome, probably in fulfillment of an old vow. It was a marked event is his life. He went in true mediaeval spirit, but returned—a Protestant. In 1512 he was promoted to Doctor of Divinity. He made short preaching tours, having great audiences.

The Reformation

In 1517, the new pope, Leo X, sent agents through Germany to sell indulgences. These indulgences provided the remission of the punishment for temporal sins in return for a stated sum of money. Luther had had deep soul-struggles over the fact that God's forgiveness could not be purchased for money. Therefore, he thundered against Tetzel the agent and his indulgences from the Wittenberg pulpit. He wrote to princes and bishops begging them to refuse this pardon-seller a passage through their lands. When Tetzel got to Jitterbogk, near Wittenberg, Luther could stand it no longer. He wrote his ninety-five theses denouncing indulgences, and on October 31st, nailed the paper to the door of the castle church. Soon all Germany was ablaze. These writings brought Germany face to face with the reality of blasphemy in the indulgences. Luther's public life has opened; the reformation had begun.

Those who came to Wittenberg to buy indulgences, returned with Luther's theses in their hands, and the impression of his teaching in their hearts. At first it appeared as if Germany was going to support Luther. But he had struck a blow at more than indulgences, although unaware of it himself. In his theses he had made it very clear that man could go to God directly without human mediation to secure forgiveness of sin. He resolved to preach throughout Germany in 1518. When he returned to Wittenberg he wrote an able and moderate exposition of the theses and sent it to some German bishops. He proclaimed the need for a thorough reformation of the Church, which he thought could only be effected with the aid of God, and by an earnest co-operation of the whole of Christendom. Opponents attacked these theses and charged heresy in them. Luther was summoned to appear before the Pope at Rome. The elector of Saxony intervened and it was then arranged that Luther would appear before the pope's legate at Augsburg.

Daily Scripture Texts

M., Oct. 25. The Church Built on Confession of Christ. Matt. 16:13-18.
T., Oct. 26. The Holy Church. Eph. 5:22-27.
W., Oct. 27. Reconciled to Christ. Col. 1:18-22.
T., Oct. 28. Saying and Doing. Luke 6:46-49.
F., Oct. 29. Sons of God. I John 3-1-3.
S., Oct. 30. Justified by Faith. Rom. 5:1-6.
Sun., Oct. 31. Topic—Luther, the Reformer. Matt 3:7-12 (Reformation Sunday)

The interview was not a successful one. The cardinal began by browbeating Luther and ended by being afraid of him. In 1519 and 1520 much of Luther's time was taken up in writing theses to answer those he received from others. Between 1517 and 1520 some of his greatest works were penned. Because of some of these books and pamphlets he was summoned to appear before the Diet of Worms, a public assembly. As he traveled there, he felt sure that he would there meet death. The people came out in crowds to meet him. When he appeared before the diet he was asked to deny his works. After much prayer and meditation he vowed to remain faithful to the Gospel. The Italians and Spaniards wished to have him burned at once. Most of the Germans resolved to protect him at all cost. Luther was condemned in the severest terms. When his safe conduct expired, which was to last but 21 days, he was an outlaw. All people were forbidden to give him food or shelter; his books were to be burned, his goods confiscated.

On his return he was captured by armed knights, taken to the castle, and kept in hiding. There he wrote great literary works, translating the Scriptures. The first translation of the New Testament was published in 1522.

Luther's absence from his congregation, his students, friends, and books, weighed upon him. Those at Wittenberg were urging the Reformation too rapidly. Their idea was that everything not Scripture was to be abolished from the churches. They were to be stripped of crucifixes, images of saints ,and the rituals of the mass. Some even wished it ordained that all clergymen be married. These changes were matters of indifference to Luther and he feared a bad reaction. He finally could stand it no longer and left his place of hiding, finding things even worse than he feared. Luther then wanted to make as few changes as possible, caring only to give full place to prayer and to the reading and preaching of the Word. He desired simpler hymns and the singing of them in public worship. The whole idea of Reformation brought about such varied opinions, that much blood was shed, many lives lost.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What was the first reason for the start of the Reformation?
2. What are indulgences?
3. What was "The Diet of Worms?"
4. What were some results of the Protestant Reformation?
5. What were the aims of the Reformation? The results?

A SEED THOUGHT

"He who reforms, God assists."—Cervantes

They Invite Martyrdom

Second Topic in a Series on "Some Of The Undefeated"

Acts 6:8; 7:54-60
(Reformation Sunday)

Intermediate

— OCTOBER 31 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aims

1. To sense the cost of establishing the Christian church.
2. To stress Reformation Sunday.
3. To see our role in Protestantism.

It's a Red-Letter Day

Reformation Sunday is a day which ought to be marked in red letters on the calendar of the whole Church, and observed with sermons and studies on the nature and features of our great Protestant, evangelical heritage. As young people we must not forget that the privileges and heritage which are ours were bought by our forebears, often at the cost of their own blood. We cannot, therefore, lightly disregard our responsibilities as Protestants.

The promise of the prophet was claimed at Pentecost, "I will pour out my spirit on all flesh." Those who received the gift of the Holy Spirit were not "members in good standing" in their church—they were outcasts, heretics who had violated many of the traditions which the Jewish church taught "as the commandments of God." The church was born in the concept that nothing can stand between a man and his God, no church, Catholic or Protestant, no priest, no individual, no man-made creed. Jesus never conditioned the right of access to God on the acceptance of any particular creed or ritual.

Know the Martyrs

Stephen

Stephen became the first matyr of the Christian movement largely because of his belief in the Resurrection of Jesus. Martyrdom was the fate of most of the Apostles. The great fire in Rome (64 A.D.) was cleverly blamed on the Christians by Nero, no doubt to divert attention from his own intrigues and murders. Horrible tortures of the Christians followed—many were made living torches. The Christians' rejection of Roman gods was considered atheism and their refusal to join in emperor-worship appeared treasonable. Thousands thus became martyrs.

Paul

On the Appian Way much as he saw Stephen stoned many years before, Paul now sees a jeering mob. His life given to spreading the Gospel of Christ is now spent. The Apostle Paul calmly looks at his enemies and says triumphantly, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith, and now there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, and not for me only but to all those who love His appearing." Paul's blood is spilled on a dusty road in a remote corner of the earth, but more than any other one man who ever lived, he lifted civilization to a new consciousness of the Lordship of the Galilean carpenter and once again—changed men change the world.

Polycarp

The apostle John, visiting the infant church in Smyrna, found in it a young man, born in a Christian family, reared in a Christian atmosphere, who seemed to him best fitted to undertake the duties of church leadership. Accordingly, he made this man bishop despite his youth, and for more than half a century the church at Smyrna was under Polycarp's direction.

Polycarp was a man of great purity of life and sweetness of character. He performed the duties of his office faithfully, opposing false teaching when it appeared in his church, but spending much more time in exhorting his little group of Christians to pattern their lives after that of their Lord.

The years passed. The church in Smyrna grew steadily. Polycarp became known and honored, not only among Christians but among all the better class of citizens of the Roman province of Asia. And then, just as it seemed that he was to finish his long career in peace, martyrdom crowned him.

The haughty emperor calls in strident tones. "Renounce your faith in the so-called Son of God and I will set you free." And from the midst of the already lighted fagots comes the proud, defiant, glorious answer, "I am a Christian!" Polycarp's body is burned to a crisp but the flames touch not the truth with which he is captivated, and another in the succession of Christian martyrs preaches the undeniable sermon of a life. Changed men change the world.

John Huss

John Huss was a forerunner of the great Protestant Reformation. Because he was one of the first to dare set himself in opposition to the enormous power of the church, he never paid much attention to the church's doctrinal ideas. A few of them he challenged—particularly those that had to do with the authority of the Pope and of church councils—but most of the vigor of Huss was spent in denouncing the evils in church life. The difference between the church's avowed principles and its practices was so glaring that it gave Huss a shining mark.

In Prague it seemed as though Huss had completely triumphed, but outside that city, and outside the little kingdom of Bohemia, there were plenty of enemies who were determined to silence him. In the year 1414 they found their chance, and seized it.

He was brought back to Constance and granted a farcical trial. He was promised his life if he would recant his heresies, and when he promised to recant any that his accusers would show him were wrong, he was condemned. Reaching the place of execution Huss knelt and prayed for the forgiveness of all his enemies. Then he was chained to the stake. The imperial marshal gave him a last chance to recant. Back came the unhesitating words: "God is my witness that I have never taught that of which I have been accused by false witnesses. In the truth of the gospel which I have written, taught, and preached, I will die today with gladness." The torch was applied to the fagots, and the flames leaped upward. Huss was singing, "Christ, thou Son of the Living God, have mercy upon me," when death released him.

His clothes were thrown into the fire; and after all was over his ashes were gathered up and cast into the nearby Rhine.

Martin Luther

In 1517 in Wittenberg, Germany, one sees a short, timid monk nailing 95 laboriously worked-out theses on the door of the University Church. They say, in brief, "The church must be reformed."

Shortly thereafter, this shy, retiring exponent of truth stands before the high officials of the church and the robed dignitaries of Europe and is commanded to cease this heresy. In deliberate tones, the answer comes, "Here I sand. God helping me I can do no other." And the great Protestant Reformation is born. Yes, changed men change the world.

Would We Be Faithful?

As you consider the religious life of the group to which you belong, can you see any need for Christians with the Luther sincerity and the Luther courage? Is there any difference, in your group, between religious profession and practice? Is there any place where social custom tends to make general actions which ought, if Christian allegiance means anything, to be deplored and opposed and brought to an end?

Who will be the Martin Luther of your group? If one steps out to take the Luther part, will you support him or oppose him?

On this Reformation Sunday let us look at our church and our own lives and see if there is not something that needs a "reformation" and then determine in the strength of God that we will seek to do something about it.

Project

Plan a study course of "What Protestants Believe." Make a historical "tree" of Christian martyrs. Ask the group if there are any present-day Christians anywhere in the world experiencing martyrdom. How can we share our Christian love and concern with them?

Daily Bible Rations

M., Oct. 25. Old Testament Heroes. Heb. 11:32-40.
T., Oct. 26. Sufferings for Christ. Acts 20:17-27.
W., Oct. 27. Paul's Persecutions. Acts 11:24-27.
T., Oct. 28. Standing Boldly for Christ. Acts 4:13-20.
F., Oct. 29. Brave in Danger. I Thess. 2:13-16.
S., Oct. 30. Happy in Reproach. I Peter 4:12-16.
Sun., Oct. 31. Topic—They Invite Martyrdom. (Reformation Sunday) Acts 6:8; 7:54-60.

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we read "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread . . . ." (Genesis 3:19.) A real Christian example will be a diligent worker because of his desire to be honest with God and useful to his fellowmen. Whatever is done should be done to the glory of God.

"I Will Give You Rest"

Although our Heavenly Father expects us to work six days He also requests that we rest on the seventh day. He set the example by creating the world in six days and resting on the seventh. He knows that our bodies call for that period of time in order to condition them again. He also expects at least that one day to be set aside in His rememberance and for worship.

In Matthew 11:28, He says, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." If we use our energy for His sake He will give us rest and replenish our energy for further use. Choose this day, whom you will serve. Be a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

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Pay the Price

There is a price tag on everything in God's world. We must look at these price tags and resolve whether we are willing to pay the price for success. At Labor Day time it is well for us to ask whether we will pay the price in preparation and consecration for the vocation that we would like to enter. Your job will be the way you express the imagination, the energy, the purposefulness that make up your personality. It will be the channel through which you become an active, co-operating part of your community. It will be your chief and main opportunity for rendering Christian service to others.

Problem Studies

Problem one: Gene's father has a good business. He wishes Gene to take over the business for him. What facts might make it inadvisable for Gene to do so?

Problem two: Helen wants to develop a career for herself. What facts should she take into consideration? Is being a housewife beneath her dignity? What reasons would you give to her?

Problem three: Bill is not able to do good work in school. He is barely able to make the grades necessary to graduate from high school. He does an excellent job with woodwork and tools. Should Bill go on to college for an education? From a Christian point of view, what would you advise him to do?

Problem four: Jerry is a good athlete. Some of his friends have advised him to enter professional athletics. What are the questions which he would need to answer? What suggestions could you make from the viewpoint of Christian vocation?

ENDEAVORER MANY YEARS

Dr. James Lewis Howe, one of the oldest Endeavorers, is shown at his home in Lexington, Virginia, with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Glenn, leaders in the Kentucky Union. Dr. Howe, who for over half a century was a professor in the Department of Chemistry of Washington and Lee University, was elected the first president of Kentucky Christian Endeavor in 1890. He will be 95 years old in August.

GIVES PRAYER IN CONGRESS

Dr. Gene Stone (left), general secretary of International Society, is shown with Dr. Bernard Braskamp in Washington, D. C. Dr. Stone offered the prayer at the opening of the session of the House of Representatives July 8 at the invitation of Dr. Braskamp, who is chaplain of the House.

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Forward Is The Watchword!

This is a great day to be alive and to be a Christian. There is an infinite challenge for Christians and their Church. The crises of the day call for the power of God. Christian Endeavor has been created for such a time as this. "Forward" must ever be our watchword. We will go forward with our Master in Christian Endeavor only as we carry out its entire program. Nothing short of this will suffice.

Every society should this very day decide to re-establish the Pledge as its basis of membership. Have a re-signing ceremony. Then it would be logical to re-examine the four cardinal principles and relate the total society program to them. Then discuss how to re-vitalize every committee, making them virile, active and useful. Every officer should re-dedicate himself to Christ and to the responsibilities of his office. Make this a banner day, and a banner month, with new plans for a "Forward March" with Christ.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR ESSENTIALS

The new revised edition of this basic book may be secured from International Society at $1.00 per copy.

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YOU can help your church to be what it ought to be in the community by carrying out into daily life its spirit and teachings.

YOU can work in its Sunday School and help younger boys and girls to learn the true lessons of life.

YOU can visit the sick and needy.

YOU can support the benevolent work of your church in the community.

YOU can give to missions and learn how the world community is growing.

YOU can invite others to come, and thus become a co-worker with Christ.

Without your help the church cannot be the sort of the church the community needs. It needs your help. It needs your friendship. It needs you.

A Project

In consultation with your counselor and your pastor, plan a project which will help your church to become better known in the community. Plan for a party for children who don't have much recreation. Take your group to present a program in a church or institution that would appreciate the same. Help your pastor to distribute weekly bulletins to the homes of your community.

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C. At The Meeting

1. If it is not the habit of the society to have pre-prayer service, introduce it. In this the leader of the meeting, together with counsellor, and two or three participants, meet briefly just before the meeting for a circle of audible prayer in its behalf.
2. Open the meeting itself with prayer.
3. Do *not* take the topics magazine into the meeting and read from it alone.
4. Speak your thoughts—don't read them. Use notes if necessary.
5. Know what you want to say, and mean it.
6. Have a Bible handy. Know your Scripture well before reading it at the meeting.
7. Make place for the offering—and remember that offering is worship. Receive it with a prayer.
8. Make room for announcements.
9. Know in advance the answers for the questions and keep the discussion moving.
10. Have a meaningful conclusion to the meeting, perhaps asking the pastor, counsellor, or other to sum up the discussion.

Demonstration Meeting

Piano Prelude (members take seats)
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Announcements
Offering (taken reverently)
Offertory Prayer
Hymns
Poem
Sentence Prayers
Hymn
Leader's Talk
Discussion Questions
Closing Thought (Seed thought or other)
Hymn, if desired
Christian Endeavor (Mizpah) Benediction

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The recreation committee has a responsible position. Young people are often attracted to societies by their social activities. The chairman should be interested in recreation and have the ability to lead games. This committee should keep in close contact with pastor, receiving his approval of events, and clearing all dates and rooms needed. They should not generally plan social activity on Sunday. Likewise they must always avoid questionable activities. Recreation that can be enjoyed and approved by all is the center of every activity. Always close a social event with a brief devotional service. Be sure to extend an invitation to the Sunday meeting to new comers, and to all others present.

Bat Boys and Water Boys

Bat boys and water boys do not actually play on the team or necessarily set any particular example. Yet they are welcome and are important people to the active players. They must always be willing to serve. So it is in the Christian Endeavor society. The ordinary member without a particular duty is needed. He, too, has responsibilities, although he is more free in assuming them. The society will move forward best when every member is willing to use his talent or talents to the best of his ability. Although talents vary in kind and degree every person has something to contribute. To do the little jobs well is important.

Some requirements for the society members are: faithfulness, willingness to lead meetings, participation in prayer and discussion, responsibility in inviting others, regular Church attendance. They should serve on committees, contribute regularly, use musical or other talent for the good of the society. Many other duties are theirs.

JUNIOR CE MEETINGS

The Quarterly for Juniors

Topics for SEPTEMBER

Sept. 5. **Workers Of Our Community** I Cor. 12:4-10.
Sept. 12. **Our Society Looks Ahead.** Phil. 3:13-15.
Sept. 19. **How To Improve Our Worship** Psalm 95:1-6.
Sept. 26. **Increasing Our Membership.** Num. 10:29-32.

Topics for OCTOBER

Oct. 3. **World Friendship Begins With Me.** I Cor. 9:16-23.
Oct. 10. **Missionaries Build World Friendship.** I Cor. 3:1-11.
Oct. 17 **Hymns of Isaac Watts.** Psalms 72 and 90.
Oct. 24. **Hymns of the Wesleys.** Psalm 98; Col. 3:15-17.
Oct. 31. **Hymns of Martin Luther.** Psalms 46 and 91.

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out of great movements for social and religious reform, and have recaptured the true spirit of Christ, fanning it back into flame for the world to see. Some of them still have a special emphasis to give to the Christian message which certainly should not be destroyed, but which as yet all churches are not ready to follow.

Today we speak of the "ecumenical church." It means "belonging together." The National Council of Churches came into being in 1950. It makes possible cooperation among the denominations. The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. does not limit itself to missions or religious education. It takes into consideration all the problems that concern the Christian Church in the world today. It may be compared in some ways to the United Nations. It does not try to do away with denominational lines any more than the United Nations tries to erase national boundary lines. Rather it seeks to bring to light the points at which all churches may work together for the good of the cause of Christ throughout the world, and makes possible conferences and councils which give to its members a broader view of church problems, and a keen sense of Christian brotherhood and co-operation.

There is a growing sense of unity throughout the Protestant churches of America. Within the past 20 years 18 church bodies have merged and only one denomination has divided. Besides that many other churches are studying the problems of unity, and working toward that end.

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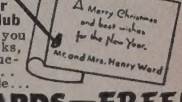

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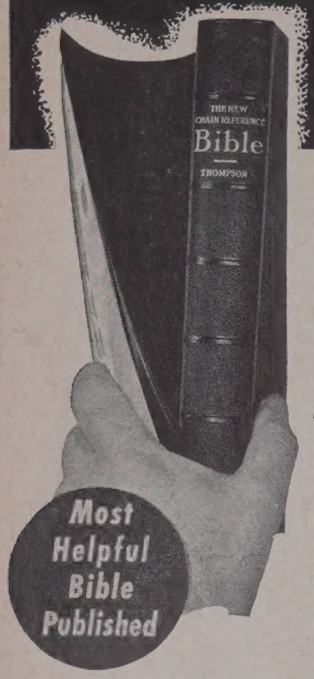

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